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ARTICLE III OF THE NPT

1. Each non-nuclear-weapon State Party to the Treaty undertakes to accept safeguards, as set forth in an agreement to be negotiated and concluded with the International Atomic Energy Agency in accordance with the Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Agency's safeguards system, for the exclusive purpose of verification of the fulfillment of its obligations assumed under this Treaty with a view to preventing diversion of nuclear energy from peaceful uses to nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices. Procedures for the safeguards required by this Article shall be followed with respect to source or special fissionable material whether it is being produced, processed or used in any principal nuclear facility or is outside any such facility. The safeguards required by this Article shall be applied on all source or special fissionable material in all peaceful nuclear activities within the territory of such State, under its jurisdiction, or carried out under its control anywhere.

2. Each State Party to the Treaty undertakes not to provide: (a) source or special fissionable material, or (b) equipment or material especially designed or prepared for the processing, use or production of special fissionable material, to any non-nuclear-weapon State for peaceful purposes, unless the source or special fissionable material shall be subject to the safeguards required by this Article.

3. The safeguards required by this Article shall be implemented in a manner designed to comply with Article IV of this Treaty, and to avoid hampering the economic or technological development of the Parties or international co-operation in the field of peaceful nuclear activities, including the international exchange of nuclear material and equipment for the processing, use or production of nuclear material for peaceful purposes in accordance with the provisions of this Article and the principle of safeguarding set forth in the Preamble of the Treaty.

4. Non-nuclear-weapon States Party to the Treaty shall conclude agreements with the International Atomic Energy Agency to meet the requirements of this Article either individually or together with other States in accordance with the Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency. Negotiation of such agreements shall commence within 180 days from the original entry into force of this Treaty. For States depositing their instruments of ratification or accession after the 180-day period, negotiation of such agreements shall commence not later than the date of such deposit. Such agreements shall enter into force not later than eighteen months after the date of initiation of negotiations.

I. Executive Summary

1. States Party to the NPT rely on Agency safeguards for assurance of the compliance by other States with their non-proliferation undertakings and to demonstrate their own compliance. The provision of such assurance promotes further confidence amongst States and, being a fundamental element of the NPT, IAEA safeguards help to strengthen their collective security. During the past 25 years, the Agency has been able to provide a high level of assurance of the non-diversion of nuclear material which has been placed under safeguards, and to identify cases where safeguards obligations are not being met. Effective safeguards, particularly in respect of weapons-usable material, i.e., separated plutonium and highly enriched uranium, have been maintained despite the increasingly severe resource constraints resulting from nine years of zero-real-growth budgets at a time of significant real growth in the work load. Safeguards have been implemented in a way which the Agency considers to be responsive to Article III.3 of the Treaty, to the relevant provisions of INFCIRC/153(Corr.) and to requirements as expressed, inter alia, at previous NPT Conferences.

2. Discoveries in Iraq, following the Gulf War, drastically increased the political expectations of the Agency's safeguards system. Safeguards are now looked to not only for assurance of non-diversion of declared nuclear material and non-misuse of declared nuclear facilities but also for assurance about the absence of undeclared nuclear activities. The Agency's Board of Governors and Secretariat have responded and continue to respond to these changed expectations and a number of new safeguards strengthening measures have been introduced.

3. Agency verification of the initial reports provided by States under comprehensive safeguards agreements is an important aspect of providing assurance of the absence of undeclared nuclear activities. In the case of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Agency, has not yet been enabled to verify the correctness and completeness of that State's initial report.

4. Currently the Agency is carrying out a major programme, referred to as "Programme 93+2," for assessing, developing and testing a wide range of further potential measures for strengthening its capabilities to detect undeclared nuclear activities. More generally, it focusses also on seeking to improve the technical and cost-effectiveness of safeguards as called for by previous NPT Conferences. All elements of the programme are well under way and are being accompanied by in-depth consideration of the legal, policy and financial implications. The Secretariat's report to the Board of Governors for its March 1995 meeting will contain proposals, resulting from the programme.

5. These proposals are designed as an integral part of a comprehensive approach combining into an integrated whole the

strengths of the present safeguards system, and far reaching improvements to enhance the Agency's capability to detect undeclared nuclear activities, such as: increased access to information about a State's nuclear activities through such means as the provision of more information by the State itself and through the results of environmental monitoring; effective, systematic use by the Agency of the information obtained; increased physical access to sites, including broad access, no-notice inspections; increased cooperation with State Systems of Accounting and Control of Nuclear Material (SSACs); use of advanced technology such as unattended operation of safeguards equipment and remote transmission of safeguards data; rationalization of safeguards implementation in respect of declared nuclear material; and new or improved administrative arrangements such as improved visa and inspector designation procedures; secure means of communication between the Agency's Headquarters and the inspectors and possibly additional and expanded field offices. In the final analysis the Agency's ability to implement its proposals and to live up to the expectations placed on its safeguards system will depend on the extent to which States, on whose behalf it works, are prepared to grant it the necessary authority, resources and political support.

6. Safeguards are dynamic not static. They function in a constantly changing environment, the result of both political and technological developments. The inception of Agency safeguards pursuant to the NPT was a watershed in the evolution of the safeguards system. Since that time, effective IAEA verification has proceeded in step not only with ever larger numbers of adherents to the Treaty but also with successive technological improvements as nuclear facilities and installations have become increasingly complex.

7. For over 20 years, Agency NPT safeguards increased significantly not only in their coverage of States and facilities but also in their efficiency and effectiveness. Since 1985, however, the Agency's Member States have applied a policy of zero real growth to the IAEA's budget, despite continuing growth in the requirements on the Agency to apply safeguards. In addition, there have been several years of forced reductions in the Agency's financial plan to levels below the approved budgets by 12-13 percent. Because of such resource shortages, the IAEA has been unable in recent years to carry out all of the necessary inspection activities to the required high standard and has been faced with equipment availability and reliability problems, all of which has impacted upon the attainment of inspection goals. The effects of developments such as these have been only partially offset by factors such as the shut down of several large facilities and the success of efforts to improve efficiency in the way in which IAEA safeguards are implemented in the European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM).

8. It should be borne in mind that there are limits to what safeguards can do. Furthermore, Agency safeguards are only one

component - albeit an important one - of a wider set of measures designed to counter nuclear proliferation. They are neither a policing nor an enforcement mechanism and depend, for maximum effectiveness, on full cooperation from States. The greater the degree of cooperation, particularly in demonstrating transparency of nuclear policies and programmes, the greater the degree of assurance that derives and can be given.

9. Safeguards are but a part of the wider concept of nuclear transparency. Under NPT safeguards agreements, non-nuclear-weapon States (NNWS) are obliged to declare all their nuclear material and installations to the IAEA and the purpose of safeguards inspection is to create confidence that such material and installations are being used exclusively for peaceful purposes. Nothing, however prevents a State from going even further in transparency than the NPT system requires. Some have done so, for example by offering very full information about their nuclear activities or by extending invitations to the Agency to visit any location at any time. Measures such as these can be of great value in strengthening the confidence in and between States that NPT safeguards verification is designed to provide.

II. Safeguards Under the NPT: Purpose, Operation and Review

10. Safeguards applied in accordance with Article III of the NPT are a form of institutionalized nuclear transparency through which the IAEA can verify that nuclear activities in NNWS are being used exclusively for peaceful purposes. However, IAEA safeguards are only one component of a wider set of measures designed to give assurance against the proliferation of nuclear weapons. Other major components of the regime are the legal instruments in which nuclear non-proliferation commitments are anchored, such as the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (the "NPT" or the "Treaty"), mechanisms to ensure compliance, such as recourse to the Security Council; nuclear export control systems; and most importantly, policies pursued in support of the regime as disincentives to the acquisition of nuclear weapons, such as regional accommodations and steps towards nuclear disarmament. All of the components are mutually reinforcing.

11. The political objectives of NPT safeguards are to assure the international community that a NNWS Party to the Treaty is complying with its peaceful use undertakings and to deter the diversion or misuse of nuclear materials and facilities from peaceful use through the risk of early detection. Under NPT safeguards agreements the Agency has the obligation to ensure the application of its safeguards on all of a NNWS Party's source or special fissionable material in all peaceful nuclear activities within its territory or under its jurisdiction or control. The technical objectives of these Agency safeguards are that the IAEA be able to detect, in a

timely manner, a diversion of one significant quantity (SQ)[1] of nuclear material from a NNWS's peaceful nuclear activities and to ensure that all nuclear material subject to safeguards in a State is declared to the Agency.

12. The three basic features of the current NPT safeguards system are: Nuclear material accounting through which, primarily on the basis of information provided by the State, the quantities of nuclear material in the State are established and changes to the inventory are recorded; containment and surveillance measures, to monitor access to or movement of nuclear material or equipment, e.g. the use of cameras and seals which take advantage of physical barriers such as walls; and on-site inspection during which IAEA inspectors carry out such measures as examining records, taking measurements, verifying the functioning and calibration of instruments and applying containment and surveillance for the purpose of verifying States' nuclear accountancy data.

13. On site inspection is the most important element of the safeguards system. IAEA inspections are of three types, ad hoc, routine and special. Ad hoc and routine inspections are the norm, through which the Agency has access to relevant records and to locations where nuclear material is or may be present. Special inspections are carried out unusually, and may be prompted by the State itself, or by the IAEA if it considers that information made available by the State is not adequate for the Agency to fulfil its responsibilities under the agreement.

14. The safeguards system is based on objectivity, and assumes neither compliance nor noncompliance. It is basically an audit system and, like any other audit system, cannot provide assurances or conclusions about future compliance or intentions. Nor is the safeguards system an enforcement mechanism. Rather, it functions as a source of assurance of compliance, or as an alarm signalling non-compliance or circumstances in which the Agency is precluded from exercising its rights and fulfilling its obligations. This in turn sets in motion other response mechanisms. Evidently the scope of safeguards verification cannot go beyond the legal commitment that is to be verified. Further, the degree of assurance of compliance provided through the system depends in large part on the extent of access to information and locations: in

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[1]A significant quantity is the approximate quantity of any given type of nuclear material which, taking into account any conversion process involved, is required for the manufacture of a nuclear explosive device. The timely detection of diversion is a reference to the maximum time frame within which the Agency seeks to detect any diversion from peaceful use. For this quantification, the Agency looks at the "conversion times" required to convert different types of nuclear material into a nuclear explosive device.

general, the greater the access, the greater the degree of assurance. Under the NPT, all of a NNWS's peaceful nuclear activities are subject to safeguards, and assurances can in principle be provided about the totality of a State's nuclear activities. However, the risk of undetected diversion can never be zero even with a finely meshed verification system.

III. Historical Background

15. The IAEA's safeguards system is based upon the provisions of the Statute of the IAEA, which entered into force in 1957. Article III.A.5 of the Statute authorizes the Agency to establish and administer safeguards to ensure that projects carried out or fostered by the Agency are not used to further any military purpose. Article III.A.5 also authorizes the Agency to apply safeguards to any bilateral or multilateral arrangement, at the request of the parties, and to any of the nuclear activities of a State, at that State's request.

16. With the entry into force in 1970 of the NPT, the IAEA was vested with the responsibility of assuring, through its safeguards system, compliance by NNWSs Party to the Treaty with their obligations under the Treaty.

17. In 1970, the Board of Governors established a Safeguards Committee to advise it on the contents of safeguards agreements to be concluded between the NNWSs Party to the NPT and the IAEA. The Committee developed a document entitled "The Structure and Content of Agreements between the Agency and States Required in Connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons", which the Board of Governors approved in 1972, requesting the Director General to use the document as a basis for negotiating safeguards agreements under the NPT. The document was published by the IAEA as INFCIRC/153 (Corr.).

18. INFCIRC/153 has also served as a basis for the structure and content of comprehensive safeguards agreements concluded pursuant to the Tlatelolco Treaty[2], and is considered the standard for safeguards agreements under the Rarotonga Treaty[3]. It also provided a basis for the negotiation of unilateral comprehensive safeguards agreements with non-NPT NNWSs and for the Quadripartite Safeguards Agreement concluded at the request of Argentina and Brazil.

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[2]The Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America, United Nations Treaty Series, Vol. 634, No. 9068.

[3]The South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty, A/40/27, appendix II (CD/642), Vol. IV, document CD/633 and Corr.1; CD/633/Annex 4/Rev.1.

19. In addition, while the five nuclear-weapon States (NWSs) all of which are now parties to the NPT are not obliged to conclude a safeguards agreement with the IAEA, each of them has voluntarily accepted the application of Agency safeguards to all or part of its peaceful nuclear activities along the lines of INFCIRC/153 (Corr.). (see Section V.C.9)

IV. Key Developments Since 1990

20. At previous NPT Conferences, States Party to the Treaty have affirmed their determination to strengthen further the barriers against the proliferation of nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices and have urged the Agency to take full advantage of its rights under safeguards agreements. In this context, the Conferences noted with satisfaction that the IAEA, in carrying out its safeguards activities, had not detected any diversion of a significant amount of safeguarded nuclear material from peaceful uses.

21. Major events have taken place however, since 1990, which have pointed to the need to strengthen the traditional approaches to NPT safeguards implementation, changed the expectations placed upon the safeguards system, led to specific measures designed to meet these new expectations, and resulted in new kinds of verification functions for the IAEA. These developments are described below.

A. The case of Iraq: violation of the NPT and the safeguards agreement

22. The discovery of Iraq's undeclared clandestine enrichment programme, of its nuclear weapons programmes, its violations of its comprehensive safeguards agreement with the IAEA and of its obligations under the NPT, showed that, although the IAEA's safeguards system remained effective in verifying the non-diversion of declared nuclear material at declared installations, its activities were not geared to the detection of undeclared activities.

23. Acting under Chapter 7 of the United Nations Charter, the Security Council adopted on 3 April 1991 resolution 687 (1991). Paragraph 12 of the resolution called for Iraq unconditionally to agree not to acquire or develop nuclear weapons or nuclear weapons-usable material or any subsystems or components or any research, development, support or manufacturing facilities related to the above; to submit to the Secretary-General and the Director General of the IAEA a declaration of the locations, amounts, and types of all items specified above; to place all of its nuclear-weapons-usable material under the exclusive control of the International Atomic Energy Agency, for custody and removal; and to accept on-site inspection and the destruction, removal or rendering harmless, as appropriate, of all items specified in the

resolution. In accordance with paragraph 13 of the resolution, the Director General was to develop a plan to carry out these steps as well as a plan for the ongoing monitoring and verification of Iraq's compliance with the above, including an inventory of all nuclear material in Iraq subject to the Agency's verification and inspections to confirm that Agency safeguards cover all relevant nuclear activities in Iraq.

24. Following the adoption of the resolution, the Director General established, in April 1991, an Action Team responsible for the planning, coordination and management of actions to be performed by the IAEA pursuant to resolution 687.

25. Since 1991 the IAEA has conducted 27 inspections, as a result of which the IAEA has uncovered Iraq's clandestine nuclear weapons programme, identified violations by Iraq of its obligations under its safeguards agreement with the IAEA (INFCIRC/172), drawn a coherent and consistent picture of the Iraqi nuclear programme, and destroyed, removed or rendered harmless all nuclear-weapons-usable material, as well as facilities and equipment related to Iraq's nuclear weapons programme.

26. On the basis of Iraq's early declarations, and the first IAEA inspection missions in Iraq, it was concluded, in GOV/2530 (16 July 1991) and GOV/2530/Add.1 (9 August 1991), that Iraq had violated its obligations under its safeguards agreement with the IAEA (INFCIRC/172). Specifically, Iraq had failed to report to the IAEA the presence in Iraq of nuclear material required to be safeguarded under the agreement. In addition, Iraq had failed to notify the IAEA of the separation of a few grams of plutonium, and of its uranium enrichment programme which, according to Iraq's original declaration of 7 July 1991, had produced approximately a half-kilogram of enriched uranium. Iraq was later found to have been in further non-compliance with the agreement, having failed to declare the fabrication of natural uranium oxide fuel, the irradiation of undeclared fuel in the IRT-5000 Research Reactor at Tuwaitha, and the reprocessing of the irradiated fuel for the extraction of an additional 3 grams of plutonium.

27. Condemning Iraq's failure to comply with its obligations under the safeguards agreement and its commitments as a party to the NPT, and noting with grave concern Iraq's repeated attempts to conceal its activities and its failure to comply with its obligations under resolution 687, the Security Council, on 15 August 1991, adopted resolution 707 (1991), in which the Council, inter alia, demanded that Iraq halt all nuclear activities of any kind, except for use of isotopes for medical, agricultural or industrial purposes until the Security Council determines that Iraq is in full compliance with resolution 707 and paragraphs 12 and 13 of resolution 687 (1991), and the IAEA determines that Iraq is in full compliance with its safeguards agreement with the IAEA.

28. Subsequent inspection missions yielded conclusive evidence that Iraq had had a major programme to design and develop nuclear weapons, closely integrated into its programmes to produce enriched uranium.

29. In accordance with resolution 687, the IAEA took steps to destroy, remove or render harmless all items covered by paragraph 12 of resolution 687 (1991). In addition to the destruction of components and equipment relevant to the EMIS and centrifuge enrichment programmes, key technical installations at the Al Atheer, Tarmiya and Ash Sharqat sites were destroyed by October 1992. The removal from Iraq of all fresh and irradiated nuclear-weapons-usable-material, was completed in the first quarter of 1994.

30. In resolution 715 (11 October 1991), the Security Council approved the IAEA's plan for ongoing monitoring and verification of Iraq's compliance with its obligations under Section C of Security Council resolution 687 (1991) and with the requirements of Sections 3 and 5 of resolution 707 (1991) (S/22872/Rev.1/ Corr.1), and requested the Director General of the IAEA to carry out, with the assistance and cooperation of the Special Commission, the plan submitted by the IAEA. The IAEA has, since early 1992, been gradually phasing in the elements of the plan. By September 1994 all the main elements of the IAEA's ongoing monitoring and verification plan had been set in place, including the presence in Iraq of resident inspectors. This situation has been accordingly reported to the Security Council.

B. Efforts to strengthen safeguards following the discoveries in Iraq

31. As a result of the discovery of Iraq's clandestine enrichment and nuclear weapons programmes, the IAEA has been actively engaged in efforts to strengthen the safeguards system. The aim is to develop a system that can provide assurance not only of non-diversion or misuse of declared nuclear material and facilities, but also assurance as to the absence of undeclared nuclear material and facilities. A number of measures have since been put in place; others are in prospect. The focus in these efforts is on access: to information, to sites and to the United Nations Security Council. Assessment of the utility of substantially increased information from States on their nuclear and nuclear-related activities and of increased IAEA access to sites is a major part of the Agency's safeguards development programme (Section VII.A).

1. Access to information: Strengthening the Agency's information base

32. Measures have been put in place since the events in Iraq that seek to improve the Agency's information base, the underlying rationale being that the more that is known about

a country's nuclear activities, the more comprehensive the analysis and verification can be and the greater the reassurance about non-diversion and the absence of non-declared activities.

33. The starting point is increased provision of information by the State itself, supplemented by information that the Agency obtains during its verification activities and other information available to the Agency through other sources.

34. As part of the Agency's efforts to strengthen its information base, the IAEA Board of Governors approved, in February 1992, a proposal to require the early provision to the Agency of information on the design of new and modified nuclear facilities, the aims being to reduce the likelihood of States obtaining new nuclear facilities without the Agency being aware of them, to remove any ambiguity regarding a State's intention to place new facilities under safeguards and to facilitate the development of the relevant safeguards approach. (See Annex 4)

35. In February 1993, the Board also endorsed a scheme under which States are requested to report on imports and exports of nuclear material and of certain equipment and non-nuclear material used in the nuclear industry. (See Annex 5)

36. The aim of such reporting, which is voluntary in nature and over and above the current reporting requirements of safeguards agreements, is to strengthen safeguards through increased transparency. The IAEA now also systematically collects and analyzes information available in the media and in other open source literature about States' nuclear activities. The IAEA is also being given access to other information obtained by Member States.

2. Access to Sites

37. Inspector access to carry out routine inspections under comprehensive safeguards agreements is limited to "strategic points" in declared facilities, such points being defined as those to which access is necessary for the implementation of safeguards measures. The Iraq experience showed that the current practices for access limited to strategic points within safeguarded facilities were insufficient to permit the Agency to detect undeclared activities. In February 1992, the Agency's Board of Governors affirmed the IAEA's right, as provided for in its safeguards agreements, to conduct special inspections. Under such inspections the IAEA has the right to have access to additional information and locations which it determines as necessary for it to fulfil its obligations under such agreements.

3. Role of the Security Council

38. In the event a State does not comply with its safeguards obligations, the Agency is under an obligation to report such non-compliance to the United Nations Security Council. This is provided for in the IAEA Statute and in the Safeguards Agreements. In its Summit Statement of 31 January 1992 the Security Council, in emphasizing the integral role of fully effective IAEA safeguards in implementing the NPT, underscored the Council's readiness to take "appropriate measures in the case of any violations notified to them by the IAEA".

39. The relationship between the Agency and the United Nations has become closer. Its elements include a sound working relationship between the Agency and UN Secretariats, and, as appropriate, the provision of written reports and informal briefings to the Security Council. In the area of nuclear non-proliferation the Agency and Security Council have complementary roles. The Security Council needs the Agency's technical capability and expertise to verify compliance; the Security Council provides authority and power to ensure compliance with safeguards obligations.

C. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea: the problem of ensuring compliance

40. The DPRK acceded to the NPT in 1985. However it concluded the required safeguards agreement with the Agency (INFCIRC/403) only in April 1992. The first inspections in the DPRK took place in mid-1992 and were aimed at verifying the information in the DPRK's initial report and the facility design information.

41. Inconsistencies began shortly to emerge between the DPRK's declaration and the Agency's findings, centering on a mismatch between plutonium and nuclear waste solutions declared and presented to the Agency and the results of Agency analysis. The latter suggested that there existed in the DPRK undeclared plutonium (whether in gram or kilogram quantities), as well as nuclear waste the analysis of which might help to clarify the plutonium issue. The Agency also received information about undeclared sites in the DPRK that seem to be related to the storage of nuclear waste.

42. Over many months, the Agency tried, unsuccessfully, to obtain clarifications from the DPRK about the inconsistencies, inter alia requesting - but not being granted - access to the two apparently waste-related sites. The assumption was, as in other cases where inconsistencies arise, that the inspected party has a self interest in rapid and effective clarification. When every effort to resolve the matter informally had failed, the Director General decided in February 1993 that it was necessary to invoke the special inspection procedure provided for in the DPRK's safeguards agreement with a view to seek access to additional information and locations.

43. Notwithstanding the Agency's Board of Governors' resolution of 25 February 1993, in which the Board decided that access to the information and sites "is essential and urgent in order to resolve differences and ensure verification of compliance with INFCIRC/403", the DPRK would not agree to such access, on the grounds that the sites concerned were non-nuclear and military. On 12 March 1993, the DPRK announced its decision to withdraw from the NPT.

44. Despite further resolutions of the IAEA Board (on 18 March and 1 April 1993), the DPRK continued to refuse to permit the Agency to take the measures requested with a view to resolving the differences and to ensuring verification of the DPRK's compliance with its safeguards agreement. In keeping with Article XII.C of the Agency's Statute, and as provided for in Article 19 of the DPRK's safeguards agreement, the Board referred the DPRK's non-compliance with its agreement to the United Nations Security Council. In its resolution 825 (1993) of 11 May 1993, the Council called upon the DPRK to comply with the agreement, and requested the Director General to continue to consult with the DPRK with a view to resolving the issues which were the subject of the Board of Governors findings. Despite the Agency's efforts in this regard, including its offer to arrange for "managed" access to the sites described as military by the DPRK, no such access has been granted. However, the statement of the President of the Security Council of 4 November 1994 about the "Agreed Framework" signed in Geneva in October 1994 between the DPRK and the U.S. (see paragraph 60) addresses the question of the accuracy and completeness of the DPRK's initial report and requests the Agency to take all steps it may deem necessary, following consultations between the IAEA and DPRK with regard to verifying the accuracy and completeness of the DPRK's initial report on all nuclear material in the DPRK, to verify full compliance with the IAEA/DPRK Safeguards Agreement. The commitment by the DPRK in the Agreed Framework foresees a delay before this will be possible. As the Director General has stressed both to Members of the Agency and to the Security Council, it would be better for all concerned if cooperation in this respect from the DPRK were to come promptly, as required by the Safeguards Agreement.

45. To enable the Agency to verify the accuracy and completeness of the DPRK's initial declarations, it is also essential that the DPRK take all steps that may be deemed necessary by the Agency to preserve, intact, all information relevant to such verification. The Agency's ability to verify full compliance with the IAEA/DPRK Safeguards Agreement will depend substantially on the extent to which all relevant information will remain available.

46. Over and above the inconsistencies which led to the Agency's request for a special inspection, and which centered on the possible existence of <u>undeclared</u> nuclear material and

activities, difficulties arose over routine safeguards implementation relevant to declared nuclear material and facilities. An Agency inspection team visited the DPRK in May 1993 during which time it performed necessary work relating to containment, surveillance and maintenance activities. In June 1993, the DPRK announced its decision to suspend "the effectuation" of its NPT withdrawal. However, in August when Agency inspectors were admitted entry to the DPRK to perform inspections activities, their activities were restricted to replacing video films and power supply batteries.

47. An Agency delegation visited the DPRK from 1-3 September 1993 at the DPRK's suggestion. However, no progress was made in resolving safeguards implementation problems. When the Agency sent formally to the DPRK a detailed list of inspection activities which needed to be carried out in accordance with the Agency's technical requirements, the DPRK took the view that, having suspended the "effectuation" of its NPT withdrawal, it was in a unique position. It was prepared to allow the Agency only to maintain "continuity of safeguards". The DPRK defined "continuity of safeguards" as the maintenance of Agency containment and surveillance devices and distinguished from "full implementation of the Safeguards Agreement", a matter which the DPRK considered had to be debated and solved in the context of the DPRK/US political talks.

48. The Agency's view, expressed by its Board of Governors, and its General Conference (in September 1993) and confirmed by the Security Council, is that, when the DPRK suspended the "effectuation" of its withdrawal from the NPT, its obligations as a party to the Treaty continued. Accordingly, the safeguards agreement between the IAEA and the DPRK remains fully operative and has to be fully implemented. The Agency cannot accept linkages between the scope of its inspection activities and progress in bilateral political talks.

49. With no inspection activity having taken place in the DPRK since September 1993, and because of the restrictions imposed during earlier inspections, the IAEA Director General reported to the Agency's Board of Governors, in December 1993, that the safeguards system which had been in place on declared nuclear material and installations in the DPRK could no longer be said to provide any meaningful assurance of the peaceful use of those installations and material.

50. In January 1994, following further bilateral discussions with the United States, the DPRK indicated its readiness to accept inspection of declared nuclear material and installations required to provide "the continuity of safeguards." A detailed list of inspection activities was agreed upon on 15 February 1994.

51. Inspection activities began on 3 March 1994. However, at one of the seven declared facilities, a reprocessing plant known as the Radiochemical Laboratory, Agency inspectors were

denied access to perform certain required and agreed safeguards activities. When the Director General reported this to the Board of Governors on 21 March 1994, the Board adopted a further resolution which, inter alia, called upon the DPRK immediately to allow the IAEA to complete all requested inspection activities and requested the Director General to transmit the resolution inter alia to the Security Council. On 31 March 1994, a statement of the President of the Security Council called upon the DPRK to enable IAEA inspectors to complete the inspection activities outstanding since March.

52. Subsequently, important safeguards measures required, but initially blocked by the DPRK during the March inspection at the Radiochemical Laboratory were permitted on the basis of what the DPRK considered to be "a special exception" taking into account developments in its bilateral talks with the US.

53. The Director General invoked the special inspection provisions of the DPRK's safeguards agreement in February 1993 because access to additional information and location was and remains essential to the Agency's ability to verify the correctness and completeness of the DPRK's initial report, in particular as regards the quantity of plutonium produced in the DPRK. Vital in these contexts was the need for the Agency to ascertain, with confidence, whether the core of the DPRK's 5MWe Experimental Nuclear Power Reactor was the first core, as claimed by the DPRK.

54. On 19 April 1994, the DPRK notified the IAEA of its intention to carry out, "at an early date" the refuelling of the Experimental Nuclear Power Reactor, an operation which had been envisaged by the DPRK for over a year. As early as February 1993, the Agency gave the DPRK full information about safeguards measures required in connection with that refuelling stressing, inter alia, that specific safeguards activities - related to the selection, segregation and securing of certain fuel rods - would be indispensable at the time of the core discharge operation. The overall purpose of the measures was to enable the Agency to verify, through measurements at a later date, that no fuel in the reactor had been diverted in the past and that the fuel discharged was indeed the first core of the reactor as declared by the DPRK.

55. When the DPRK put the Agency on notice, on 12 May 1994, that it had already started the refuelling campaign, the IAEA confirmed to the DPRK that the discharge of fuel without the safeguards measures requested constituted a serious violation of the DPRK's safeguards agreement, requested that arrangements be made promptly for the necessary safeguards measures and urged that, until these were in place, further discharge should be deferred. The DPRK declined to accede to this request but nevertheless agreed to receive Agency officials to discuss the issue. However, although an Agency team had extensive discussions with DPRK officials from 25 - 27 May in an attempt to reach agreement about how to proceed

with the implementation of the safeguards measures required, no agreement was reached. The Agency concluded that, if the discharge of fuel from the reactor were to continue at the same pace as it had proceeded up until the time of the Agency team's visit, the opportunity to select, segregate and secure fuel rods for later measurements in accordance with Agency standards would be lost within days.

56. On 30 May 1994, a statement of the President of the Security Council said, inter alia, that "the Council strongly urges the DPRK only to proceed with the discharge operation at the 5MWe Reactor in a manner which preserves the technical possibility of fuel measurements, in accordance with the IAEA's requirements in this regard" and that "the Council calls for immediate consultations between the IAEA and the DPRK on the necessary technical measures". In response to this statement, the Agency put forward three viable options. If any one of those options had been accepted by the DPRK, it could have prevented further erosion of the Agency's future ability to assess the history of the reactor core and could have ensured that such ability as still then existed would have been preserved. The Agency had concluded that there were no technical or safety-related reasons against acceptance of any one of the three options. As for a proposal which the DPRK had put forward to the Agency with the purported aim of preserving the Agency's possibility to make later measurements of fuel rods, the Agency explained that the proposal was not viable because it would not have permitted the Agency independently to ascertain whether nuclear material from the reactor had been diverted in past years.

57. Despite the Agency's efforts, the limited opportunity which had remained for it to select, segregate and secure fuel rods for later measurements was lost. The situation resulting from the core discharge was irreversible and seriously eroded the Agency's ability to undertake further measures crucial to its ability to ascertain whether all the plutonium produced in the DPRK had been declared to the Agency, i.e., to achieve the overall objective of comprehensive safeguards, namely to provide assurance about the non-diversion of nuclear material. In a further resolution of the Board of Governors on 10 June 1994, the Board inter alia found that the DPRK was continuing to widen its non-compliance with its safeguards agreement, decided, in conformity with the provisions of Article XII.C of the IAEA Statute, to suspend non-medical Agency assistance to the DPRK and asked the Director General to transmit the resolution to all Members of the Agency, to the Security Council and to the United Nations General Assembly.

58. In a statement of 13 June, the DPRK referred, inter alia, to the Board of Governors' "extremely unreasonable resolution on the suspension of the Agency's assistance to our country", said that the DPRK "will immediately withdraw from the IAEA", and also that "the Agency's inspectors now will have nothing to do any further in our country". On 15 June 1994, the United States, in its capacity as depository of the Statute

of the IAEA notified the Agency that the DPRK had decided to withdraw from the IAEA with effect from 13 June. As requested, the Secretariat brought this withdrawal to the attention of all the Members of the Agency. The DPRK's withdrawal from Agency membership did not affect the validity of the safeguards agreement between the DPRK and the Agency which remains in force.

59. Although the DPRK statement of 13 June had indicated the DPRK's unwillingness to accept further inspection activity, the position of the DPRK appears to have been modified following a personal contact between former President Kim Il Sung of the DPRK and former U.S. President Carter. The Agency continued to carry out inspection activities although, in the summer of 1994, the DPRK declined access to two declared facilities, the Nuclear Fuel Rod Fabrication Plant and the Nuclear Fuel Rod Storage facility and restricted the scope of the Agency activities at two other facilities - the 5 MWe Experimental Reactor and Radiochemical Laboratory. In early September, following progress made during bilateral consultations between the DPRK and the United States, the DPRK accepted some enlargement of the scope of inspections as required by the Agency.

60. Further bilateral talks between the DPRK and the United States culminated in an "Agreed Framework" signed in Geneva on 21 October 1994. This document envisages specific functions for the Agency, notably to monitor a "freeze on the DPRK's graphite-moderated reactors and related facilities", to continue with verification activities at facilities not covered by the freeze and to take measures to verify the accuracy and completeness of the DPRK's initial report on all nuclear material in the DPRK. The Security Council having considered the "Agreed Framework", a statement of 4 November 1994 by its President inter alia requested the IAEA to take all steps it may deem necessary as a consequence of the "Agreed Framework" to monitor the freeze and requested the IAEA to continue to report to it on the implementation of the Safeguards Agreement until the DPRK has come into full compliance with that Agreement.

61. On 11 November 1994, the Agency's Board of Governors authorized the IAEA Secretariat to act upon the Security Council's request concerning inspections in the DPRK, including monitoring of the freeze. Such monitoring, as requested by the Security Council and as understood by the Agency can be performed by the Agency in the course of implementing safeguards in the DPRK; the activities required are part of activities which the Agency may perform while implementing safeguards agreements. Later in November 1994, an Agency technical team visited the DPRK to explain the verification measures required. The discussions were constructive and arrangements were made to enable the Agency to meet most of its objectives. Further technical discussions with DPRK representatives were necessary regarding a few areas, and took place in January 1995. Notwithstanding a continuing difference of view between the Agency and the DPRK as to the current status of the Safeguards Agreement, the DPRK has responded positively towards a number of safeguards measures that the Agency needs to perform to continue implementation of safeguards in the DPRK including measures required for monitoring the freeze. Other issues remain open. A further round of technical discussions has been scheduled for late Spring.

D. South Africa: Establishing the nuclear inventory of a State with sizeable nuclear activities; verifying the termination of a nuclear weapons programme

62. When South Africa concluded its safeguards agreement with the IAEA in 1991, the Agency was confronted with the situation that major nuclear facilities, including one plant for the production of highly enriched uranium, had previously operated outside any kind of international control for many years. South Africa submitted to the Agency in October 1991 its initial report on the inventory of its nuclear material, and safeguards implementation began in November 1991.

63. The extensive nuclear fuel cycle made verification of the completeness and assessment of the correctness of the inventory complex, requiring considerable inspection resources and extensive cooperation from the State authorities in providing access to defunct facilities and historical operating and accounting records. The South African authorities facilitated access to any locations and information that the Agency specifically requested.

64. The Agency conducted 46 inspections, involving 500 person-days of inspection, for the purpose of verifying South Africa's initial report and concluded in September 1992 that it had found no evidence that the list of facilities, locations and inventories of nuclear material provided by South Africa in its initial report was incomplete.

65. In conjunction with the implementation of the safeguards agreement and at the invitation of the South African Government the IAEA has carried out an assessment of the status of South Africa's former nuclear weapons programme. The IAEA sent experts, who visited the facilities involved in the abandoned programme and reviewed associated historical data with the purpose of observing that the programme had been terminated and of verifying that all the nuclear material used in it had been fully accounted for and placed under Agency safeguards. South Africa arranged access to any location for which access was requested by the IAEA, including military installations and ammunition factories.

66. In September 1993 the Agency reported that its audit of the associated records indicated that all enriched material, including the HEU, involved in South Africa's former nuclear weapons programme was subject to IAEA safeguards at the time of entry into force of the safeguards agreement; it also concluded that there was no indication to suggest that substantial amounts of depleted or natural uranium used in the nuclear weapons programme were unaccounted for.

67. The experience in South Africa demonstrated clearly the technical difficulties in verifying the initial report of States having significant nuclear activities not previously under safeguards. Even more important, the experience demonstrates that, full cooperation by the States, in

particular in providing access to information and sites, is a necessary prerequisite of successful verification of a large initial inventory.

E. Other aspects of NPT safeguards in a changed political environment

1. The application of safeguards in the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union

68. A consequence of the dissolution of the former Soviet Union was the emergence of fifteen newly independent States (NIS). All, with the exception of the Russian Federation, have declared their intention to become non-nuclear-weapon States. So far, thirteen - Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan - have acceded to the NPT. Russia has succeeded as a nuclear-weapon State to the rights and obligations of the former Soviet Union under both the NPT and the Soviet Union's voluntary offer safeguards agreement.

69. To help these States meet their nuclear non-proliferation obligations, the IAEA embarked, in 1992, on a number of activities to help them establish and/or further develop sound State systems of accounting and Control of nuclear material (SSACs); measures for the physical protection of nuclear materials; and mechanisms for import and export control.

70. Preparatory work in connection with the introduction of comprehensive safeguards in the NIS consisted of fact finding/technical visits and coordinated technical support. In 1992-1994 such visits were carried out in 12 NIS, including all with relevant nuclear activities. Facilities to be safeguarded, relevant contact persons and organizations, and technical support requirements were identified.

71. Safeguards equipment needs were identified and budgeted for, and initial purchases made for longer lead-time items. Inspection resource requirement estimates were drawn up, based upon draft safeguards approaches prepared or updated for all major NIS facility types. IAEA inspection procedures were reviewed in detail with facility operators. Consultations about legal aspects of safeguards agreements and about facility design verification procedures also took place.

72. In the framework of a coordinated support programme for those NIS with nuclear programmes, the Agency compiled and sent to potential donors and recipients a "Needs List" of NIS requirements for effective safeguards implementation. The IAEA also helped to prepare coordinated technical support plans for future safeguards implementation in Belarus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Kazakhstan and Ukraine.

73. Ukraine informed the IAEA, in September 1992, that Ukraine has begun the preparatory steps with the aim to adhere

to the NPT as a non-nuclear-weapon State and requested that, "in the transitional period, before finishing juridical procedures necessary for Ukraine to adhere to this Treaty ... safeguards of the Agency be applied to the nuclear installations under the jurisdiction or control of Ukraine." Accordingly, the IAEA undertook preparatory measures necessary for the application of NPT safeguards in Ukraine, and carried out technical visits with a view to performing verification activities similar to those provided for in INFCIRC/153.

74. In November 1993, the Government of Ukraine expressed its wish to conclude a safeguards agreement applying to "all nuclear materials used for peaceful purposes in Ukraine" until such time as Ukraine acceded to the NPT. Negotiations between the Ukraine and the IAEA on a sui generis, comprehensive safeguards agreement, modelled largely on INFCIRC/153 concluded in June 1994. Following approval by the IAEA Board of Governors, the Agreement under which in September 1994, Ukraine undertakes to use the nuclear material and facilities under its jurisdiction or control exclusively for peaceful purposes and which it provides for the application of safeguards by the IAEA to all nuclear material in all peaceful nuclear activities in Ukraine entered into force on 13 January 1995. Meanwhile, Ukraine deposited its instrument of accession to the NPT on 5 December 1994 and a draft safeguards agreement pursuant to the NPT was sent, on 27 January 1995 for the consideration of the Ukrainian authorities.

2. Regional non-proliferation initiatives

75. Article VII of the NPT provides that, "Nothing in this Treaty affects the right of any group of States to conclude regional treaties in order to assure the total absence of nuclear weapons in their respective territories." Regional arrangements are a means through which confidence in and between the States of a specific region can be established and nurtured.

76. The Treaty-based NWFZs established or in prospect provide for verification arrangements closely linked with safeguards implementation pursuant to the NPT. For example the safeguards agreements which States Parties to the Rarotonga Treaty must conclude with the IAEA "shall be, or shall be equivalent in its scope and effect to, an agreement required in connection with the NPT on the basis of the materials reproduced in Document INFCIRC/153 (corrected) of the IAEA." Also, most safeguards agreements between the IAEA and the States party to the Treaty of Tlatelolco were concluded in connection with both the Tlatelolco Treaty and the NPT. Parties to future NWFZs will no doubt also develop specific verification scenarios based on their own regional requirements. Indeed, the creation of an African NWFZ, in which the IAEA would be entrusted with safeguards verification, is now in prospect. The draft text of the Treaty to establish an African NWFZ also foresees the conclusion of safeguards agreements between the parties to the

Treaty which "shall be, or shall be equivalent in its scope and effect to, the agreement required in connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (INFCIRC/153 Corrected)". Additionally, although there is no agreement on the timing of the establishment of a Middle East NWFZ there is general support for the concept of such a zone. As more and more States become parties to different non-proliferation initiatives, and will thereby be covered by the verification measures pursuant to such initiatives, the complementarity between regional nuclear verification and activities and the global system implemented by the IAEA could open up further possibilities for effective and cost-efficient verification of compliance with States' non-proliferation undertakings.

3. Trafficking of nuclear material

77. The IAEA follows up reports in the public media and from States about alleged incidents of trafficking in nuclear material. Cases of illicit trafficking in nuclear materials have alarmed the international community and have become increasingly frequent in recent years. Cases of trafficking in nuclear material are of concern to the IAEA especially where the material is of safeguards significance and should be declared to the Agency. In 1992, the IAEA began to record systematically reports in the public media about alleged incidents and to contact governments for further information. The Secretariat was frequently approached by Member States and the media seeking information. During calendar year 1993 the Agency was informed officially, either by the State or facility involved about 11 specific incidents. In all cases they involved small quantities of nuclear material. In all but one of the nine incidents in which material was recovered, the recovered material had been placed under Agency safeguards by the end of 1993.

78. Extensive discussions took place between States in the Summer of 1994 with a view to finding remedies to the trafficking problem, including a possible IAEA role. These discussions were followed by the adoption of a resolution at the IAEA General Conference in September 1994. The resolution called upon IAEA Member States "to take all necessary measures to prevent illicit trafficking in nuclear material" and invited the Director General "to intensify the IAEA's activities through which the Agency is currently supporting Member States in this area" and to prepare proposals for additional activities. In response, the Agency convened a meeting of governmental experts in November 1994. While confirming that the primary responsibility for preventing and responding to illicit trafficking rests with the governments concerned, the meeting urged that practical and effective complementary measures be taken at the international level, particularly by and through the IAEA.

79. Proposals were presented by the Secretariat to the IAEA Board of Governors in December 1994. The main areas proposed

for immediate intensification of Agency activities were: assistance to States with physical protection measures, including guidance on implementing IAEA recommendations on "The Physical Protection of Nuclear Material" (INFCIRC/225/Rev.3); improvement of SSACs; and development of a reliable data base on information on incidents of illicit trafficking to assist governments of Member States and to better inform the public. The Board decided that the Agency should proceed with preparations for implementing the proposed activities in these areas.

V. Review, Responsiveness and Assessment

A. Safeguards Effectiveness

80. The IAEA safeguards system has been designed to provide a high level of confidence, and its effectiveness has, over the years, improved substantially. Effectiveness is represented most directly but not completely by the extent of inspection goal attainment, as reported each year in the Agency's Safeguards Implementation Report (SIR) submitted to its Board of Governors. Attainment of inspection goals engenders confidence in safeguards conclusions of non-diversion of declared nuclear material and represents successful conduct of an extensive set of inspection activities which, collectively, provide a capability for detecting diversion should it occur. In addition, all instances of non-attainment of inspection goals, as well as all anomalies and discrepancies arising from safeguards activities, are carefully assessed in the process of drawing the overall annual safeguards conclusion.

81. In 1977, the first year in which the SIR was produced, the inspection goal for all types of nuclear material was attained at 17 percent of the facilities inspected and evaluated. This increased to 47 percent in 1980, to 57 percent in 1985 and to 83 percent in 1990. During this period the number of facilities with goal attainment increased from 26 to 239. Real improvements in effectiveness were actually greater than these figures suggest because procedures for carrying out inspections and for evaluating goal attainment were made more rigorous. Since 1990, the percentage of overall inspection goal attainment has fallen, reflecting, inter alia, a reallocation of inspection effort and resource constraints.

82. The Third Review Conference recognized the particular requirements for safeguards on direct-use nuclear material. Thus, as called for by safeguards agreements and urged by Member States, the IAEA has given priority to nuclear material from which nuclear weapons could readily be made, i.e., plutonium and highly enriched uranium. As a consequence, attainment of inspection goals for separated plutonium and highly enriched uranium has increased to, and been maintained

at, over 90 percent of the facilities having such materials. This demonstrates the high level of effectiveness which can be achieved, even at the most complex types of facilities, with sufficient resources. It also reflects the considerable work the IAEA has undertaken to ensure the continuing effectiveness of safeguards in relation to reprocessing and the storage and use of separated plutonium.

83. At previous Review Conferences States Parties have called for increasing the effectiveness of safeguards and have also called upon the Agency to make full use of its rights. As the safeguards strengthening measures already taken are implemented and as the further safeguards strengthening measures described in paragraphs 128 to 137 are developed, a broadened evaluation of safeguards effectiveness will assess the ability to detect not only any diversion of declared nuclear material but also the existence of undeclared nuclear activities. However, important though this latter capability is, providing assurance through effective safeguards that declared material is not diverted will continue to constitute the major part of IAEA safeguards work. Enhanced capability to detect undeclared nuclear activities can contribute to but cannot substitute for effective safeguards on declared material. The Agency will continue pursuing further efficiencies in these safeguards, including eliminating any measures found redundant or otherwise unnecessary as a result of the introduction of new measures, such as those for detecting undeclared nuclear activities.

B. Efficiency

84. Efficiency is a measure of how well resources (staff, equipment, money) are used to fulfil the Agency's part in the implementation of safeguards. Safeguards efficiency is a matter of importance to both States and the Agency, and efforts, largely under the Agency's development programme, are continuing for improving efficiency as well as effectiveness. Improvements in efficiency, however, are more difficult to assess because they involve a diversity of factors, some of which, such as facility features and geography, are completely outside the Agency's control.

85. The most striking measurement is the monetary cost of safeguards per significant quantity (SQ) of nuclear material. This fell dramatically from $2200/SQ in 1981 and $2000/SQ in 1985 to $1100/SQ in 1990 and to less than $850/SQ in 1993. (All dollar values here and in the following paragraphs are adjusted for inflation and exchange rates to 1993.) While this improvement in efficiency is impressive, it is due in large part to economies of scale rather than to the changes that have occurred in safeguards policies and practices.

86. The impact of safeguards policies and practices may be seen in other measurements of efficiency in particular the monetary cost of safeguards per facility. In 1981 the cost (in 1993 dollars) was $169,000/facility. By 1985 this had

risen to roughly $220,000/facility. With minor yearly fluctuations, it has remained at this level despite the increased size and complexity of the newer facilities and the much larger amounts of nuclear material they contain.

87. The relationship of efficiency and resource availability is shown graphically in figure 1. Expenditures for safeguards (in 1993 dollars) rose gradually until 1985 at which time they levelled off. As a consequence, the inspection effort which the IAEA has been able to field rose steadily until 1989-1990, when it reached over 10,000 person-days. Then, continuing resource constraints began to bite and inspection effort, due in part to insufficient funds, began to fall. In parallel, the percentage of facilities at which the inspection goal was fully attained rose steadily, reaching a peak of 83 percent in 1990 and then falling to 68 percent in 1993, reflecting both direct and indirect effects of resource constraints, e.g., reduced inspection effort and increased equipment failures.

C. Responsiveness of Safeguards

88. Comprehensive safeguards agreements impose a number of obligations on the IAEA to respect the interests of the State. The final documents of NPT Review Conferences have reflected the importance that States Party attach to these requirements. In the implementation of safeguards the IAEA has endeavored to satisfy these requirements and the underlying concerns of the Parties and has made modifications and additions to its practices to adjust to new and changing circumstances. The following paragraphs summarize the responsiveness of the IAEA safeguards system to these requirements.

1. Avoidance of hampering and undue interference in States' peaceful nuclear activities

89. Paragraph 4 of INFCIRC/153 requires that safeguards be implemented in a manner designed to avoid hampering the economic and technological development of, and to avoid undue interference in, the State's peaceful nuclear activities. The IAEA has consistently striven, within the constraints of fulfilling its obligations, to satisfy this requirement. It has done this, inter alia, by introducing as much flexibility as possible, consistent with effective safeguards, in safeguards implementation practices and procedures, e.g., in adapting the details of safeguards activities to the circumstances of individual facilities.

90. Consistency and predictability in the Agency's criteria for implementing safeguards benefits operators and States. To that end, the IAEA in 1991 introduced a comprehensive set of safeguards criteria used for the planning of safeguards implementation activities during 1991-1995. A further increasingly important means of avoiding undue interference with facility operations is the use of unattended safeguards instrumentation and containment and surveillance equipment.

The IAEA will continue its efforts in this regard. This aspect of safeguards is a feature of the development programme described in Section VII.A which also includes increased cooperation with States in the conduct of inspections.

2. Protecting commercial and industrial secrets and other confidential information

91. Paragraph 5 of INFCIRC/153 requires the IAEA to take every precaution to protect commercial and industrial secrets and other confidential information coming to its knowledge in the implementation of safeguards agreements. The IAEA Statute obliges all staff to refrain from disclosing information coming to their knowledge through their official duties. The employment contracts obligate IAEA staff not to disclose such information, an obligation that does not lapse upon termination of employment. In addition, the IAEA has developed and strengthened an extensive system of internal controls and procedures to protect the information.

92. This protection extends to information relating to the design of nuclear facilities; to the quantity, location, composition and movement of nuclear material; to the safeguards approach and inspection goals for specific facilities; and to the results of inspections, including any anomalies and incidents at nuclear facilities. All such information is available to staff members only on a "need to know" basis, is kept under lock when not in use, is not left unattended and is destroyed by shredding when no longer needed. Certain highly sensitive information, such as completed Design Information Questionnaires (DIQs), advance notifications of international transfers of direct-use material and special reports, is given a higher level of protection and is transferred among IAEA staff only against signature. Samples of nuclear material for analysis are coded to avoid disclosure of information about the nuclear material at specific facilities.

3. Staffing standards and geographical distribution

93. The Final Documents of previous Review Conferences have emphasized the importance of the IAEA recruiting and training staff of the highest professional standards for safeguards implementation with due regard to the widest possible geographical distribution. This is also in keeping with the IAEA Statute, which states in its Article VII.D that the paramount consideration in the recruitment and employment of staff "shall be to secure employees of the highest standards of efficiency, technical competence and integrity." Due regard is being given, subject to this consideration, to recruiting staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible.

94. Earlier difficulties in recruiting inspectors from developing countries stemmed from the limited opportunities which applicants from developing countries had to acquire the necessary professional experience. The Agency has contributed

towards overcoming this problem through its Safeguards Training Programme for Junior Professional Staff from countries receiving technical assistance from the Agency. Training covers nuclear technologies and Agency safeguards practices. The course has been held eight times since 1983, most recently as a 10-month course in 1993, and has involved some 60 trainees, of whom 26 were subsequently recruited as Agency inspectors and 2 to positions in the Safeguards Support Divisions. In addition, a number of trainees, on completing the course, returned to their home countries to take up employment with their SSACs, thereby also contributing to the safeguards system.

95. There are currently 250 staff members approved by the Board of Governors to be inspectors and inspector assistants. Of these, 201 are in the Divisions of Operations and perform routine inspection work. 70 (35%) of them come from countries in the Group of 77 and 15 more (7%) from other countries that can be regarded as developing. This combined total of 42% of the IAEA safeguards inspectorate drawn from developing countries has remained fairly constant over the decade. The 250 inspectors and assistants approved have been recruited from 67 countries (42 of which are developing countries).

4. Cooperation with State Systems of Accounting and Control (SSACs)

96. Comprehensive safeguards agreements call for cooperation between the IAEA and the States to facilitate the implementation of safeguards; SSACs are the primary vehicle for this cooperation on the part of States. Past NPT Conferences have recognized the importance of SSACs to effective and efficient safeguards. The IAEA has been the first to recognize the basic value to safeguards of technically qualified SSACs, and for many years has carried out programmes to assist States in the development and implementation of their SSACs. These have included development of SSAC guidelines and the conduct of training courses for staff of SSACs. There have been 11 such courses with 292 participants from 52 States during just the past 5 years. As described in paragraphs 61 to 63 above, a major effort is now underway to assist the NIS in the development of their SSACs. The IAEA is providing some of this assistance and is coordinating assistance by other States.

97. Another major effort was launched in 1992 to improve the efficiency of safeguards implementation in the European Union through increased cooperation between the IAEA and EURATOM. The European Community has had its own system of verification of nuclear activities since 1957. Since 1971, IAEA and EURATOM safeguards have performed safeguards in parallel to meet their respective obligations. The new initiative, called the New Partnership Approach (NPA), has been prompted, among other reasons, by the desire of both inspectorates to conserve resources. In developing more efficient procedures, the IAEA has taken into account its requirement to draw independent

conclusions. Significant reductions in the IAEA inspection effort were obtained from conforming IAEA inspection activities conducted with EURATOM to those in comparable facilities in other countries, aided by the shutdown of certain major facilities. Revised inspection procedures, reflecting the technical effectiveness of EURATOM safeguards, have been defined which will maintain IAEA independence while avoiding duplication through technical measures and special arrangements. These are expected to lead to significant further reductions in IAEA inspection effort.

98. An important part of the IAEA's development programme is the investigation of possible further measures for increased cooperation with SSACs on a broader basis. The work builds on the advice of the Standing Advisory Group on Safeguards Implementation (SAGSI) on several forms of increased cooperation, including a number of practical steps SSACs could take to enable more effective and efficient safeguards, e.g. by providing field support to Agency inspectors, and the concept of shared work where IAEA and SSAC inspectors work side by side. The technical capabilities and other characteristics of SSACs are being examined to help define specific possibilities for enhanced cooperation.

5. Pursuit of more cost-effective inspection procedures

99. Comprehensive safeguards agreements call for the IAEA to take full account of technical developments in safeguards - NPT Conferences have urged continued improvements in the effectiveness and efficiency of safeguards through new cost-effective techniques, methods and approaches. In response, the IAEA maintains an active programme, largely in cooperation with Member State Support Programmes, to develop improved procedures. In 1991-1992 an extensive examination was made jointly with SAGSI of the possibilities for increased use of randomization, and several technically valid possibilities were identified. A field test in 1993 confirmed the validity of randomized inspection procedures for LEU fuel fabrication facilities. However, their implementation depends on the ability and willingness of the State and in particular the facility operators to implement the necessary special arrangements.

100. The IAEA has also made a significant effort to introduce the option of a "zone approach," in which several facilities with frequent transfers of nuclear material between them are considered together. The approach which allows a reduction in interim inspections has been implemented in some States for several years and is available for wider use where it would be cost-effective and acceptable to the State.

101. The practicality of a "mail in" concept for video surveillance records has been demonstrated. Under this concept, the SSAC or the facility operator mails in and replaces the tapes in video cameras. The Agency is also

testing the real-time electronic transmission of video data. These represent combinations of new arrangements with States and new technologies that have the potential for significantly reducing the number of interim inspections at LWRs.

102. A major part of Programme 93+2 Section VII.A) is the investigation of these and other cost-effective advanced technologies and alternative procedures and approaches. As the investigation and its field trials progress and acceptability and utility are demonstrated, additional proposals will be developed and put forward for improving the cost-effectiveness of the safeguards system.

6. Concentration of verification on weapons usable material

103. Paragraph 6(c) of INFCIRC/153 calls for the concentration of inspection effort on those stages of the nuclear fuel cycle handling nuclear material from which nuclear weapons could readily be made. As stated in paragraph 82 above, the Third NPT Review Conference has recognized the significance of these particular requirements, and Agency safeguards approaches have been developed in conformity with them, concentrating inspection effort on unirradiated plutonium and HEU. For example, in 1993 an average of about 1 person-day of inspection (PDI) was devoted to each SQ of these types of material compared to only about 0.2 PDI for each SQ of indirect-use material (depleted, natural and low enriched uranium). These values are for facilities processing large amounts of nuclear material in bulk form. The effort devoted to irradiated direct-use material is substantially less -- about 0.07 PDI/SQ -- because safeguards on this material can be based on item accountancy and make extensive use of containment and surveillance.

7. Increased transparency of IAEA safeguards

104. The 1990 NPT Conference draft document recommended improvement in the transparency of presentation of the results of IAEA safeguards activities so that information on these results could be made available to the public to prevent possible misinformation and misunderstanding. Since 1977, the Safeguards Implementation Report (SIR) has been the main document for presenting safeguards results to the Board and Member States. During this period the information content of the SIR has been significantly increased, and a number of improvements have been introduced to make the information presented more readily understood. At the same time the necessary balance between transparency and protection of confidential information has been maintained. The Agency expects to include, for the first time, an executive summary in the SIR for 1994 to improve further its readability and its usefulness to Governors. The present contents of the SIR are such that, with the Board's agreement, SIRs could be made public without violating the provisions in safeguards agreements regarding the confidentiality of safeguards

information. However, there have been and continue to be conflicting views among members of the Board regarding release to the public of the SIR.

105. Information on the results of safeguards in the form of the annual safeguards statement is made available to the public through the Annual Report. This includes the overall findings and conclusion.

8. New and complex facilities

106. The Final Documents of the NPT Conferences recognized the need for States to take IAEA safeguards requirements into account in planning, designing and constructing new fuel cycle facilities and/or modifying existing ones, and the need for IAEA safeguards approaches to be capable of dealing adequately with the types of facilities under safeguards. A continuing challenge for the IAEA and Member States has been to prepare for and implement safeguards at new and complex nuclear facilities. Facilities under safeguards have expanded from the research and power reactors in the early days to include enrichment plants employing several different enrichment technologies, large-scale automated reprocessing plants, and MOX fuel fabrication plants involving remote handling, among others.

107. The IAEA, with the considerable assistance of Member States Party to the NPT, has been able to take advantage of modern technology, automation, improved software, remote sensors and other surveillance devices, non-destructive measurement devices and interrogable seals. Successes in these fields have enabled the IAEA to reduce the number of inspections, to carry them out more efficiently (thereby reducing the inspection effort), and in some cases to perform verifications which otherwise would not have been possible.

108. The major challenge facing the IAEA in the next years is to prepare for and implement effective safeguards at a large commercial reprocessing facility. This will require a large investment of staff and money. Strong support from Member States will be needed for the IAEA to make that happen.

9. Voluntary offer agreements with NWSs

109. Nuclear-weapon States (NWSs) Party to the NPT are not committed by Article III to conclude safeguards agreements with the IAEA. These States have, however, offered parts or all or their civilian nuclear fuel cycles for safeguards by the Agency. Voluntary offers of this kind have been concluded with each of the five NWSs[4]. The NPT Conference Final Documents urged NWSs to continue to cooperate fully with the

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[4]Between the IAEA and the United Kingdom (1978), the United States (1980), France (1981), the former Soviet Union, now Russia (1985) and the People's Republic of China (1989).

Agency in implementing their voluntary offer agreements, which were regarded "as further strengthening the non-proliferation regime and increasing the authority of the IAEA and the effectiveness of its safeguards system." The voluntary offer agreements of the United Kingdom and the United States give the Agency the right to apply its safeguards at all peaceful nuclear facilities in these countries. The Fourth Conference draft document also called on the NWSs who had not already done so to extend their offers to all of their peaceful nuclear facilities and urged the NWSs to offer for verification any nuclear material and facilities transferred from military use to peaceful use.

110. The implementation of the voluntary offer agreements depends on the terms of each agreement, and, as has been demonstrated recently, on Agency budgetary constraints. Since 1991, inspection effort in these States has been minimized, reaching the point in 1993 where there were no inspections in one of the NWSs. In 1994 preparations were initiated to reactivate in 1995 inspections under the voluntary offer agreements, in the expectation that the Agency could return to normal budget implementation in 1995 (i.e., no reduction in its approved financial plan due to deferred payments by Member States). In 1994, the United States made a unilateral offer to place excess weapons material under safeguards, an offer which is being effectuated through the voluntary offer agreement. Inspections began on 10 tonnes of highly enriched uranium in September and on a large amount of plutonium in December.

VI. Safeguards Workload and Resources

A. Workload

111. At the end of 1994, 99[5] comprehensive safeguards agreements were in force with 105[6] NNWSs Party to the NPT. The total of 99 agreements includes three States[7] whose comprehensive agreements are not pursuant to the NPT. Thirteen new agreements pursuant to the NPT have entered into force since 1990. However, 62 NNWSs Party to the NPT have not yet concluded the relevant safeguards agreements

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[5]This figure includes 94 agreements pursuant to the NPT or to the NPT and Tlatelolco; 3 agreements pursuant to Tlatelolco; 1 agreement pursuant to the Additional Protocol I of Tlatelolco; 1 agreement for Albania.

[6]This figure includes 102 States with safeguards agreements pursuant to the NPT; 2 States, Colombia and Panama, with safeguards agreements pursuant to Tlatelolco.

[7]Albania, Colombia, Panama.

with the Agency. (See Annex 3) Voluntary offer safeguards agreements are in force with all five NWSs Party to the Treaty. An additional comprehensive safeguards agreement is in force with 2 States[8], and 94 other safeguards agreements are in force with 43 States and with Taiwan, China. The number of States in which safeguards are applied has continued to increase gradually (57 in 1985 increasing to 62 in 1994).

112. The number of nuclear facilities under safeguards or containing safeguarded nuclear material has increased at a somewhat greater rate (averaging almost 10 facilities yearly). By late 1994 there were 170 power reactor facilities, 158 research reactor (and critical assembly) facilities, 196 other facilities (notably conversion, fabrication, enrichment, reprocessing and storage facilities) and 334 locations outside facilities under safeguards. This includes the addition of two enrichment plants in 1994 with the entry into force of the comprehensive safeguards agreement with Argentina and Brazil. Further significant increases are anticipated with additional safeguards agreements with the NIS. These increases in the numbers of facilities do not reflect the full extent of the work load increase resulting from the replacement of older and smaller facilities by larger and more complex facilities.

113. Much larger increases have occurred in the amounts of nuclear material under safeguards. The increases which have the greatest impact on the safeguards work load involve plutonium and are shown in figure 2. The amounts of unirradiated plutonium outside reactor cores and of irradiated plutonium (spent fuel) have roughly tripled since 1985. Unirradiated plutonium, which requires the most intensive safeguards, has already doubled since 1990. Forecasts show no abatement in these increases. In fact, during 1994 there were additional increases, beyond this regular growth, by the application of safeguards in one nuclear-weapon State to unirradiated plutonium and highly enriched uranium excess to that required for its nuclear weapons programme. This has already doubled the amount of highly enriched uranium under safeguards which had remained fairly constant (at about 10 tonnes) prior to 1994.

114. Substantial increases have also occurred in the amounts of indirect-use material under safeguards. By late 1994 there were 41,000 tonnes of low enriched uranium under safeguards, having increased from 25,000 tonnes in 1985 and 36,000 tonnes in 1990. Similarly, there were 91,000 tonnes of source material under safeguards in 1994, compared to 43,000 tonnes and 62,000 tonnes in 1985 and 1990, respectively. These quantities are also projected to continue to increase.

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[8]Argentina and Brazil (Quadripartite Agreement).

B. Resources

115. Past NPT Conferences have recognized the need for the IAEA to be provided with the necessary financial and human resources "to ensure that the Agency is able to continue to meet effectively its safeguards responsibilities...". Notwithstanding, despite the increase in the amount of material, and in the number and especially, the complexity of facilities to be safeguarded, IAEA Member States have applied a policy of zero real growth to the IAEA's budget, which has not increased in real terms since 1985. Member States have supplemented these resources with voluntary support to safeguards in the form of expertise, equipment and analytical services.

116. While the budgets for IAEA safeguards have not increased over that period, the safeguards workload parameters have, some to a sizeable extent. The continuation of such resource constraints over many years has resulted in reduced performance, both in efficiency (person days of inspection) and effectiveness (inspection goal attainment). (See Figure 1)

117. Adding to the difficulty imposed by a zero real growth policy have been several years of forced reductions in the IAEA financial plan to levels below the approved budgets (13 percent in 1992, 12 percent in 1993 and 12 percent in 1994). These reductions have disrupted planning, caused the cancellation of inspections, led to deferment of recruitment and prevented orderly procurement and replacement of safeguards equipment.

118. Thus, a major consequence of the budgetary situation has been that the number of staff of the Department of Safeguards and the number of approved inspectors are now the same as in 1987, having gone up slightly and then fallen in the intervening period. The available inspector-years were the same in 1993 as in 1988, having fallen by 5.7% from its peak in 1991. New inspectors were hired in 1994, for the first time in two years, to respond to the increasing work load in the next years.

119. Economic factors are affecting the geographical mix of the IAEA staff working in safeguards. Salaries in the UN system have not kept up with those in industrialized countries and other international organizations; this represents a disincentive for applicants from industrialized countries. On the other hand the economic situation in certain States has in recent years led highly qualified persons to seek employment in the IAEA, even in lower positions. Budget limitations have also led the IAEA to increase its reliance on cost free experts (there are over 30 working on safeguards), who come from a limited number of States.

120. Because of such resource shortages, the IAEA has been unable in recent years to carry out all of the necessary

inspection activities to the required high standard and has been faced with equipment availability and reliability problems, all of which has resulted in the non-attainment of inspection goals. The effects of developments such as these have been only partially offset by factors such as the shut down of several facilities handling plutonium and highly enriched uranium and the success of efforts to improve efficiency in the EURATOM area. Without those events, it would not have been possible for the IAEA to meet new demands over the past four years without more drastic adverse effects on safeguards effectiveness and assurance.

C. Workload and Resource Projections in the Near Term

121. The situation in the near future will place new and ever-increasing demands upon the Agency's safeguards system largely (but not exclusively) related to the NPT. Included in the former category is the expected initiation of NPT safeguards in several NIS, in the course of which the IAEA will face the prospect of large pre-existing nuclear programmes requiring resource-intensive verification of the completeness of initial reports.

122. Projected inspection activities indicate the need to fill the almost 20 vacant inspector positions over the next three years; accompanying that should be the filling of at least 10 of the vacant posts for support staff. That would require an annual real increase in the budget for safeguards on the order of 3-5% each year for the next three years. While this increase should allow the new work load to be met, it may not be sufficient to turn around the decline in inspection goal attainment.

123. In a year or two, it will be possible re-evaluate the situation in the light of the strengthening measures being proposed. Also by that time, the precise picture with regard to some of the situations described above should be clearer, as should be the impact on resources of the modifications to be made to the safeguards system.

VII. Safeguards in the Future

124. Previous NPT conferences have expressed or reaffirmed the conviction that IAEA safeguards play a key role in preventing nuclear proliferation. Through providing assurance that States are complying with their undertakings and by assisting States in demonstrating that compliance, safeguards promote further confidence among States and, as a fundamental element of the NPT, help to strengthen the collective security of the States party to the Treaty. Parties have commended the IAEA on its implementation of safeguards pursuant to the NPT and urged the Agency to take full advantage of its rights. In 1991, the IAEA Board of Governors confirmed the Agency's right to carry out special inspections.

125. The NPT conferences have also welcomed the significant contributions made by States Party to the Treaty in facilitating the application of IAEA safeguards and in supporting research, development and other supports to further the application of effective and efficient safeguards. In this context, the conferences have recognized the critical importance of States continuing their political, technical and financial support for the safeguards system, including playing their full part in helping the IAEA to facilitate the most effective use of IAEA inspection resources.

126. The IAEA must continue to assume that all the above considerations continue to apply. Such considerations include support for the concept of strengthening safeguards in a way commensurate with maximum technical and cost-effectiveness and efficiency and to ensure also that IAEA safeguards approaches are capable of adequately dealing with facilities coming under safeguards.

127. It is against this background that measures undertaken since 1990 to strengthen safeguards and measures now in prospect should be seen and evaluated. Section IV.B.1 covers safeguards strengthening measures already endorsed by the Agency's Board of Governors. They also refer to additional ideas and proposals being considered. These are described below. They relate and add to major areas of reform, i.e., strengthening the Agency's access to information and to sites and further streamlining and rationalizing its administrative procedures.

A. The Agency's Safeguards Development Programme

128. The process of strengthening safeguards has been underway for some time and is a continuing one. The process received considerable impetus from the recommendations submitted to the Director General, in April 1993, by the Standing Advisory Group on Safeguards Implementation (SAGSI). With the Board of Governors' support, the Agency Secretariat developed "Programme 93+2", a programme for assessment, development and testing of SAGSI's recommendations and other potential measures for strengthening and improving the cost-effectiveness of safeguards. The programme investigates the technical, legal and financial implications of the measures and is predicated on the high level of interaction and cooperation between States and the Agency which is necessary for effective safeguards.

129. The measures considered in "Programme 93+2" are broad in scope and diverse in nature, dealing with both declared and undeclared nuclear activities. They include possible new measures, such as environmental monitoring, for enhancing the Agency's ability to detect undeclared nuclear activities; increased access to information and to sites; further efficiencies in the application of current safeguards activities, including streamlining and rationalizing existing administrative procedures; and possibilities for replacing

some current safeguards procedures by alternative procedures which maintain effectiveness but require less effort and lower cost. Field trials of the measures, in close cooperation with Member States, are a key feature of the programme.

130. As part of the programme the cost of current safeguards has been analyzed and estimates made of the sensitivity of costs to the magnitudes of timeliness goals and significant quantities. These analyses considered costs for travel, destructive and non-destructive analyses (DA and NDA), seals and surveillance (C/S), physical inventory verification, records audit and design information verification. Cost estimates, together with technical performance information, provide the basis for (1) identifying measures which will improve the efficiency of safeguards and (2) determining the cost-effectiveness of measures for strengthening safeguards.

131. A closely linked task in the programme is identifying and evaluating technical and administrative measures having the potential to reduce costs of current safeguards while maintaining effectiveness. The measures include transmission of safeguards data from unattended equipment by mail (by the State or operator) or via satellite. Cost savings (primarily from reduced inspector travel) have been estimated for these measures, and the costs of the additional equipment required to implement the measures are being determined. Other measures examined are the sharing of operators' equipment and of States' analytical services; increased use of the zone approach, of dual C/S and of near-real-time accounting; and new and enlarged regional offices.

132. A major element of "Programme 93+2" is assessment of the practicality, effectiveness and costs of environmental monitoring techniques for enhancing the Agency's capability for detecting undeclared nuclear activities. Field trials, carried out so far in 11 countries, have tested sampling of water, sediment, biota, vegetation and swipes (particles). The field trials around nuclear reactors have detected their operation at distances up to 40 km. Field trials involving enrichment facilities have demonstrated consistent detection of enrichment activities and enrichment levels not only in and around the site buildings but also up to 8 km away. Field trials at nuclear research centres have consistently shown the detectability and the characterization of the present and past nuclear activities at the centres.

133. From the results so far of the field trials it is clear that environmental monitoring techniques can be a powerful tool *in providing additional assurance of the absence of* undeclared nuclear activities at specific locations. Detailed data are being accumulated for the sampling and analysis costs of future routine safeguards implementation of environmental monitoring.

134. Another key task, also with heavy emphasis on field trials, is investigating other measures for enhancing the

Agency's capabilities to detect undeclared nuclear activities through increased access to information and to sites. This involves expanded declarations by the State of its nuclear and nuclear-related activities, forms of broader access to additional locations at safeguarded facilities and to other sites, and increased cooperation with the State System of Accounting and Control (SSAC). A model expanded declaration is being used in field trials in four States. Broader physical access is a key to strengthening safeguards and has been successfully tested in the trials, through inspections with limited and no notice to the States. The contributions of all of these measures to safeguarding declared nuclear material and the possibilities of their replacing some current safeguards activities are also being investigated.

135. Critical to the success of all of these measures for strengthening safeguards is an enhanced capability to manage, analyze and, especially, evaluate the increased data becoming available to the Agency. This increased data includes not only the information from environmental monitoring, expanded declarations and increased access, but also information from the new export-import reporting scheme endorsed by the Board in 1993 and the voluminous information available in open sources, e.g., the press and trade journals. A computer system is being developed to assist in analyzing the information for consistency with each State's declared nuclear activities. The role of inspector and Agency judgment will become even more critical as the amount and diversity of information increase.

136. The programme also includes identification of the training requirements to ensure that Agency staff have the necessary skills to field test and to carry out the new measures.

137. All elements of "Programme 93+2" are well under way and are being accompanied by in-depth consideration of the legal and financial implications. Work on parts of the programme will continue through 1995. All of the measures being investigated have the potential for becoming part of safeguards in the future. The Secretariat's report to the Board of Governors for its March 1995 meeting will contain proposals resulting from the programme. In the final analysis, the Agency's ability to match up to the expectations placed on its safeguards system will depend on the extent to which States, on whose behalf it works, are prepared to grant the necessary authority, resources and political support.

B. Action by the State Parties

138. Recognizing the emphasis placed by the NPT Review Conferences on the need for certain actions to be taken by NPT States to facilitate safeguards implementation by the IAEA, an assessment of some of these actions is presented in the

following subsections. Other aspects have already been covered in Subsection B, 'Resources' of Section VI.

1. Member State Support Programmes for IAEA Safeguards

139. An area of actions by States, which has resulted from their recognition of the need for the IAEA to be provided with the necessary financial and human resources, is the establishment of Member State Support Programmes for IAEA safeguards.

140. This support by Member States, outside the regular IAEA budget, has gained increasing importance in enabling the IAEA to meet its obligations under safeguards agreements. The areas where this extra support has been of primary importance are equipment development and training. The IAEA does not carry out its own research and development programme in safeguards; rather it defines its needs (through a biannual research and development programme and Implementation Support Programme), solicits Member State assistance (mostly through formal Member State programmes in support of IAEA safeguards), and oversees progress in development work.

141. Substantial contributions to the safeguards development needs of the IAEA are made through these national support programmes, which have increased over the past decade and now number 16: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Japan, the Netherlands, Russia, Sweden, the United Kingdom, the United States and EURATOM. In addition, a number of States contribute through research and development agreements, contracts and test programmes. While the financial resources employed by Member States in these activities are difficult to assess, they are estimated to represent on the order of $15 million per year currently, thus representing approximately 20 percent of the total resources dedicated to IAEA safeguards.

142. Member States have been asked to assist the IAEA with the development programme on strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of IAEA safeguards, "Programme 93+2". Many States have responded and are making important contributions, through hosting field trials, performing sample analyses, and providing cost free experts. Without this help, the IAEA would not have been able to accomplish what it has in such a short time.

2. What States can do to facilitate Safeguards Implementation

143. Over and above ensuring adequate technical and financial support for the IAEA's safeguards system, there are a number of other measures which, if implemented by States, would be of considerable practical value and which could be incorporated into the Agency's safeguards system without any need to modify existing safeguards agreements. Some pertinent ones are set out below.

3. Designation of Inspectors

144. The 1985 Final Declaration called upon States to exercise their rights regarding IAEA inspection designation proposals in such a way as to facilitate the most effective use of safeguards manpower.

145. The way in which Member States exercise these rights has an important impact on the efficiency of IAEA safeguards. Many States have cooperated in this respect from the beginning. Some States continue to impose restrictions on the acceptance of inspector designation proposals made to them by the IAEA. Quotas for inspector designations, insistence on reciprocity, unwillingness to accept inspectors of certain nationalities, and significant delays in responding to designation proposals are chronic and continuing problems. The situation has gradually improved. At present, only a few States restrict the number of inspectors, and the number of States taking a long time to respond has been decreasing. In recent years, these difficulties have affected efficient implementation of safeguards in only a few States. Nonetheless, this remains a high priority problem.

146. Under present safeguards agreements, each Agency staff member approved by the Board for use as an inspector must also be accepted individually by the countries to be inspected. Following the Director General's proposal to the Board in February 1988, simplified designation procedures have been introduced in keeping with which States can opt to waive their right to approve individual inspector designations for their own territories and regard the Board's approval of a staff member for inclusion in the corps of inspectors as sufficient. Twenty-three States have accepted the simplified designation procedures or the refinements since made to them, but many States have not. [The present situation is reflected in Annex 6.]

147. It could substantially enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the Agency's inspection activities if Member States were automatically to accept all staff members approved by the Board of Governors for use in inspection activities. In accordance with this proposal the Board's decision to approve new inspectors would be communicated, together with the curricula vitae of those inspectors, to all States accepting such a procedure. The inspectors approved by the Board would be considered to be individually acceptable to those States and would be automatically designated unless rejection were received by the Agency within two months. A State's acceptance of this procedure would in no way preclude the State from making specific exceptions at any time later.

4. Visas

148. The use of inspector effort is hampered by restrictions placed by States on the entry of designated inspectors. This is a high priority problem. The basis on which individual

States issue visas to Agency inspectors varies substantially. Whereas some States are prepared to grant inspectors multiple-entry visas of limited duration, others insist on single entry visas. In some circumstances, visas are granted on a "special case" basis. Benefits would derive were Member States automatically to waive the visa requirement on the UN Laissez Passer or to grant inspectors multiple-entry visas. Short notice or no notice inspections which are among the key elements of any strengthened safeguards regime cannot be carried out when restrictive visa requirements are in place. The Agency would also find it easier to deploy its manpower resources more cost effectively, and potential costly delays could be avoided.

5. Logistical and other support

149. Nuclear safeguards agreements prescribe the services and facilities which an inspected State must provide or arrange for IAEA inspection teams. Several improvements could be made in this regard. It would thus contribute significantly to the timely and efficient discharge of an inspection team's work if States were to agree to inspectors using independent means of communication, e.g. satellite telephones, and also if they wish their own transportation.

6. Privileges and Immunities

150. The 1959 Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the IAEA sets out the Privileges and Immunities of Agency officials while on inspection. The immunities provided under this Agreement are functional rather than full diplomatic immunity. Expanding the scope of immunity accorded to Agency officials while on inspection could provide an additional assurance which could facilitate the discharge of their functions.

151. Features such as those described above are included in the verification arrangements foreseen for the Convention for the Prohibition of Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and their Destruction (CWC) adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in November 1992. There would appear to be no prima facie reason why such features could not be incorporated into the Agency's inspection activity, thereby making a significant contribution to its effectiveness and efficiency.

C. Conclusion

152. IAEA safeguards practices, procedures and implementation have evolved progressively, especially since 1970 when the NPT entered into force. Such evolution derives from a mix of political factors and technological developments.

153. The post-Gulf War discoveries of clandestine enrichment and nuclear weapons programmes in Iraq were a turning point.

Efforts are being made to strengthen the IAEA's ability to detect the existence of any undeclared nuclear material and facilities.

154. Significant steps have already been taken in this regard. However, much remains to be accomplished. The ultimate success of the collective efforts will depend, above all else, on the extent to which States Party to the NPT are prepared to grant the IAEA the requisite authority, cooperation and resources.

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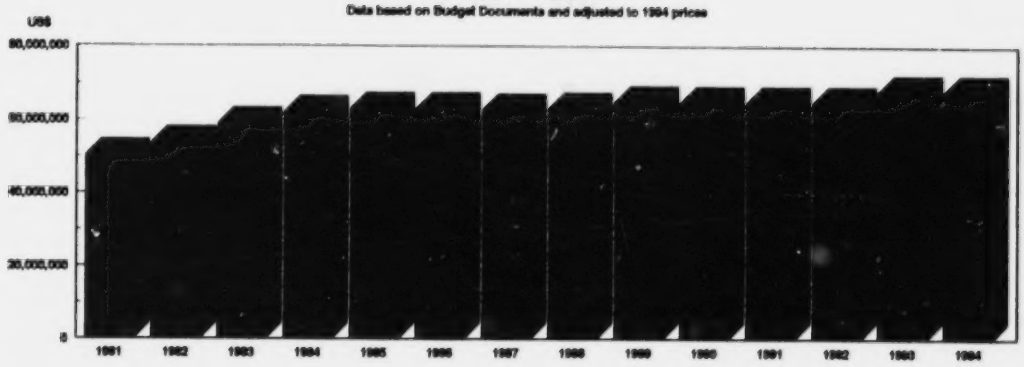

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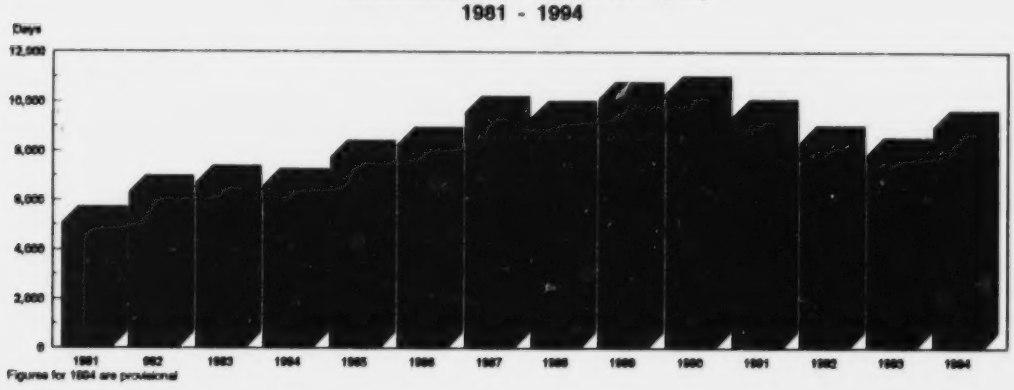

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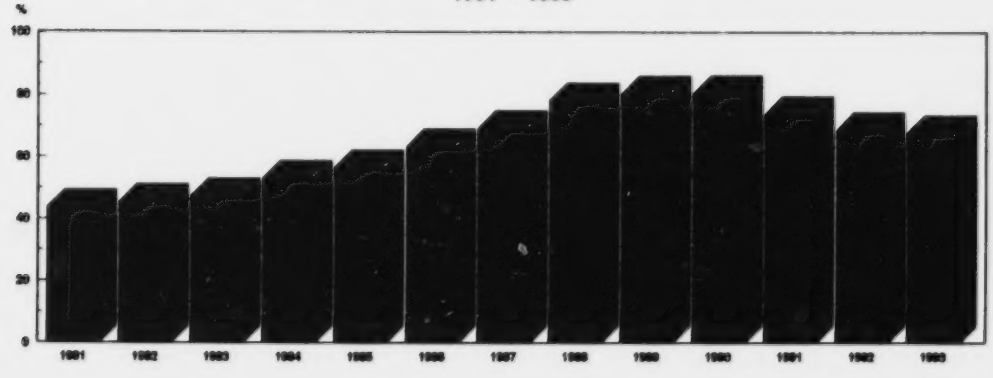

Figure 1

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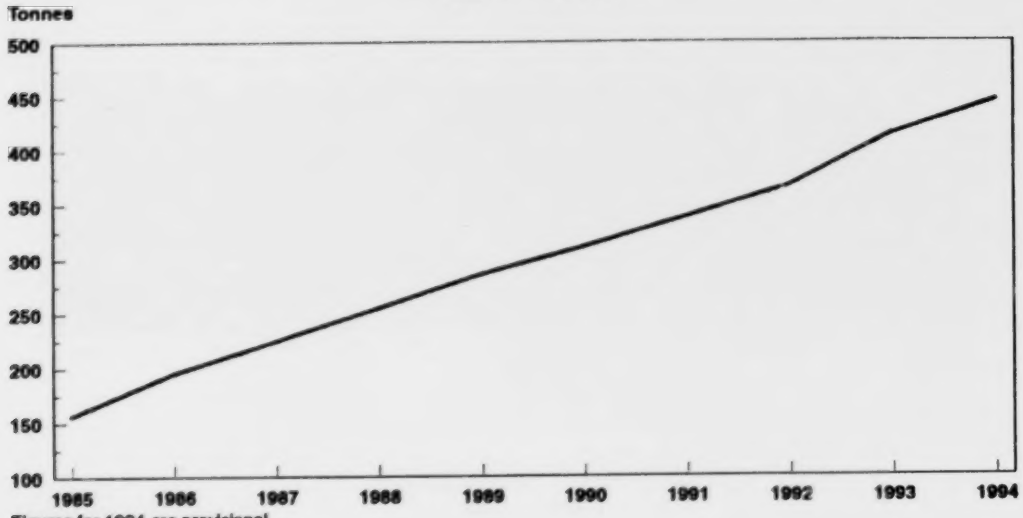
Irradiated Plutonium
1985 - 1994



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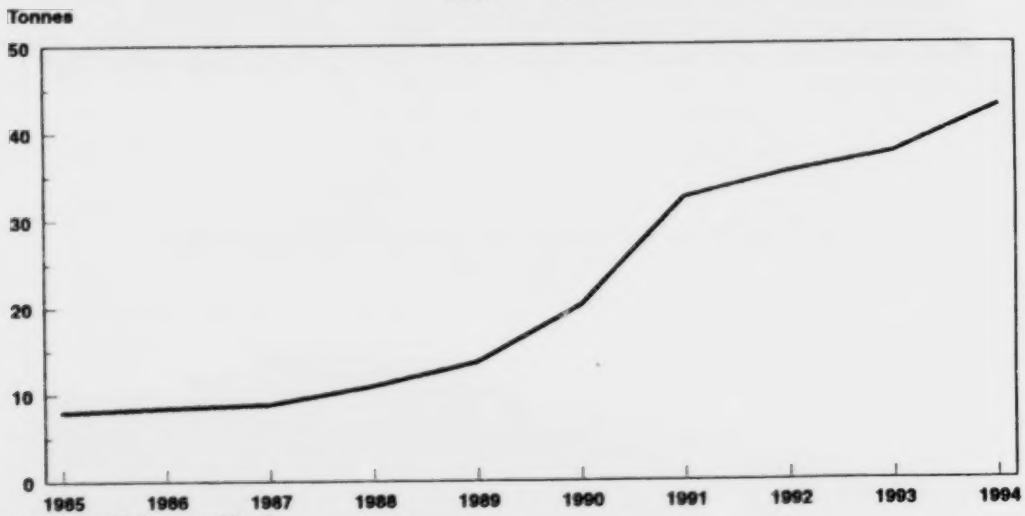
Unirradiated Plutonium outside Reactor Cores
1985 - 1994



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Annex 1

Growth in the number of States having safeguards agreements in force with the Agency

	1975	1980	1985	1990	1994
Total number of States with safeguards agreement in force	64	86	96	104	118
Total number of States with NPT safeguards agreement in force *	46	69	78	86	102
Total number of safeguards agreements in force	106	139	163	177	199
Total number of NPT safeguards agreements in force *	46	65	74	81	94

* The number of NPT safeguards agreements in force differs from the number of States having NPT safeguards agreements in force because in some cases one agreement can apply to more than one State (e.g. EURATOM agreement). Details can be found in Annex 2.

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Annex 2

Situation with respect to agreements between the Agency and non-nuclear-weapon States in connection with NPT

Status as at 31 December 1994

NNWS which have signed, ratified, acceded to or succeeded to NPT [a] (1)	Date of ratification, accession or succession [a] (2)	Safeguards agreement with the Agency (3)	INFCIRC (4)
Afghanistan	4 February 1970	In force: 20 February 1978	257
Albania[a]	12 September 1990		
Antigua and Barbuda [b]	1 November 1981	Signed: 1 February 1990	...
Armenia	15 July 1993	In force: 5 May 1994	455
Australia	23 January 1973	In force: 10 July 1974	217
Austria	27 June 1969	In force: 23 July 1972	156
Azerbaijan	22 September 1992		
Bahamas	10 July 1973		
Bahrain	3 November 1988		
Bangladesh	27 September 1979	In force: 11 June 1982	301
Barbados	21 February 1980		
Belarus	22 July 1993	Approved: 12 September 1994	...
Belgium	2 May 1975	In force: 21 February 1977	193
Belize	9 August 1985	Signed : 13 August 1992	...
Benin	31 October 1972		
Bhutan	23 May 1985	In force: 24 October 1989	371
Bolivia [b]	26 May 1970	Signed: 23 August 1974	...
Bosnia Herzegovina	15 August 1994		
Botswana	28 April 1969		
Brunei Darussalam	25 March 1985	In force: 4 November 1987	365
Bulgaria	5 September 1969	In force: 29 February 1972	178
Burkina Faso	3 March 1970		
Burundi	19 March 1971		
Cambodia	2 June 1972		
Cameroon	8 January 1969	Signed: 21 May 1992	...
Canada	8 January 1969	In force: 21 February 1972	164
Cape Verde	24 October 1979		
Central African Republic	25 October 1970		
Chad	10 March 1971		
Colombia[a]	8 April 1986		
Congo	23 October 1978		
Costa Rica [b]	3 March 1970	In force: 22 November 1979	278
Côte d'Ivoire	6 March 1973	In force: 8 September 1983	309
Croatia [c]	29 June 1992	In force: 28 December 1973	204
Cyprus	10 February 1970	In force: 26 January 1973	189
Czech Republic [d]	1 January 1993	In force: 3 March 1972	173
Dem.People's Rep. of Korea	12 December 1985	In force: 10 April 1992	403
Denmark [e]	3 January 1969	In force: 21 February 1977	193
Dominica	10 August 1984	Approved: 12 September 1994	...
Dominican Republic [b]	24 July 1971	In force: 11 October 1973	201

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Ecuador [b]	7 March 1969	In force: 10 March 1975	231
Egypt	26 February 1981	In force: 30 June 1982	302
El Salvador [b]	11 July 1972	In force: 22 April 1975	232
Equatorial Guinea	1 November 1984	Approved: 13 June 1986	...
Estonia	31 January 1992	Approved: 24 February 1992	...
Ethiopia	5 February 1970	In force: 2 December 1977	261
Fiji	14 July 1972	In force: 22 March 1973	192
Finland	5 February 1969	In force: 9 February 1972	155
Gabon	19 February 1974	Signed: 3 December 1979	...
Gambia	12 May 1975	In force: 8 August 1978	277
Georgia	7 March 1994		
Germany [f]	2 May 1975	In force: 21 February 1977	193
Ghana	5 May 1970	In force: 17 February 1975	226
Greece [g]	11 March 1970	Accession: 17 December 1981	193
Grenada	19 August 1974		
Guatemala [b]	22 September 1970	In force: 1 February 1982	299
Guinea	29 April 1985		
Guinea-Bissau	20 August 1976		
Guyana	19 October 1993		
Haiti [b]	2 June 1970	Signed: 6 January 1975	...
Holy See	25 February 1971	In force: 1 August 1972	187
Honduras [b]	16 May 1973	In force: 18 April 1975	235
Hungary	27 May 1969	In force: 30 March 1972	174
Iceland	18 July 1969	In force: 16 October 1974	215
Indonesia	12 July 1979	In force: 14 July 1980	283
Iran, Islamic Republic of	2 February 1970	In force: 15 May 1974	214
Iraq	29 October 1969	In force: 29 February 1972	172
Ireland	1 July 1968	In force: 21 February 1977	193
Italy	2 May 1975	In force: 21 February 1977	193
Jamaica [b]	5 March 1970	In force: 6 November 1978	265
Japan	8 June 1976	In force: 2 December 1977	255
Jordan	11 February 1970	In force: 21 February 1978	258
Kazakhstan	14 February 1994	Signed: 26 July 1994	...
Kenya	11 June 1970	Signed: 26 July 1994	...
Kiribati	18 April 1985	In force: 19 December 1990	390
Korea, Republic of	23 April 1975	In force: 14 November 1975	236
Kuwait	17 November 1989		
Kyrgystan	5 July 1994		
Lao People's Dem. Republic	20 February 1970	Signed: 22 November 1991	...
Latvia	31 January 1992	In force: 21 December 1993	434
Lebanon	15 July 1970	In force: 5 March 1973	191
Lesotho	20 May 1970	In force: 12 June 1973	199
Liberia	5 March 1970		
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	26 May 1975	In force: 8 July 1980	282
Liechtenstein	20 April 1978	In force: 4 October 1979	275
Lithuania	23 September 1991	In force: 15 October 1992	413

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Luxembourg	2 May 1975	In force: 21 February 1977	193
Madagascar	8 October 1970	In force: 14 June 1973	200
Malawi	18 February 1986	In force: 3 August 1992	409
Malaysia	5 March 1970	In force: 29 February 1972	182
Maldives	7 April 1970	In force: 2 October 1977	253
Mali	10 February 1970		
Malta	6 February 1970	In force: 13 November 1990	387
Mauritania	26 October 1993		
Mauritius	25 April 1969	In force: 31 January 1973	190
Mexico [h]	21 January 1969	In force: 14 September 1973	197
Moldova	11 October 1994		
Mongolia	14 May 1969	In force: 5 September 1972	188
Morocco	27 November 1970	In force: 18 February 1975	228
Mozambique	4 September 1990		
Myanmar	2 December 1992		
Namibia	2 October 1992		
Nauru	7 June 1982	In force: 13 April 1984	317
Nepal	5 January 1970	In force: 22 June 1972	186
Netherlands [h]	2 May 1975	In force: 21 February 1977	193
New Zealand [i]	10 September 1969	In force: 29 February 1972	185
Nicaragua [h]	6 March 1973	In force: 29 December 1976	246
Niger	9 October 1992		
Nigeria	27 September 1968	In force: 29 February 1988	358
Norway	5 February 1969	In force: 1 March 1972	177
Panama[p]	13 January 1977	Signed: 22 December 1988	...
Papua New Guinea	25 January 1982	In force: 13 October 1983	312
Paraguay [h]	4 February 1970	In force: 20 March 1979	279
Peru [h]	3 March 1970	In force: 1 August 1979	273
Philippines	5 October 1972	In force: 16 October 1974	216
Poland	12 June 1969	In force: 11 October 1972	179
Portugal [j]	15 December 1977	Accession: 1 July 1986	193
Qatar	3 April 1989		
Romania	4 February 1970	In force: 27 October 1972	180
Rwanda	20 May 1975		
St. Kitts and Nevis	22 March 1993	Approved: 12 September 1994	...
St.Lucia	28 December 1979	In force: 2 February 1990	379
St.Vincent & the Grenadines	6 November 1984	In force: 8 January 1992	400
Samoa	17 March 1975	In force: 22 January 1979	268
San Marino	10 August 1970	Approved: 23 February 1977	...
Sao Tome & Principe	20 July 1983		
Saudi Arabia	3 October 1988		
Senegal	17 December 1970	In force: 14 January 1980	276
Seychelles	12 March 1985		
Sierra Leone	26 February 1975	Signed: 10 November 1977	...
Singapore	10 March 1976	In force: 18 October 1977	259

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Slovak Republic [k]	1 January 1993	In force: 3 March 1972	173
Slovenia [l]	7 April 1992	In force: 28 December 1973	204
Solomon Islands	17 June 1981	In force: 17 June 1993	420
Somalia	5 March 1970		
South Africa	10 July 1991	In force: 16 September 1991	394
Spain	5 November 1987	Accession: 5 April 1989	193
Sri Lanka	5 March 1979	In force: 6 August 1984	320
Sudan	31 October 1973	In force: 7 January 1977	245
Suriname [b]	30 June 1976	In force: 2 February 1979	269
Swaziland	11 December 1969	In force: 28 July 1975	227
Sweden	9 January 1970	In force: 14 April 1975	234
Switzerland	9 March 1977	In force: 6 September 1978	264
Syrian Arab Republic	24 September 1969	In force: 18 May 1992	407
Thailand	7 December 1972	In force: 16 May 1974	241
Togo	26 February 1970	Signed: 29 November 1990	...
Tonga	7 July 1971	In force: 18 November 1993	426
Trinidad and Tobago [b]	30 October 1986	In force: 4 November 1992	414
Tunisia	26 February 1970	In force: 13 March 1990	381
Turkey	17 April 1980	In force: 1 September 1981	295
Turkmenistan	29 September 1994		
Tuvalu	19 January 1979	In force: 15 March 1991	391
Uganda	20 October 1982		
Ukraine[a]	5 December 1994		
United Repulic of Tanzania	7 June 1991	Signed: 26 August 1992	...
Uruguay [b]	31 August 1970	In force: 17 September 1976	157
Uzbekistan	7 May 1992	Approved: 21 February 1994	...
Venezuela [b]	26 September 1975	In force: 11 March 1982	300
Viet Nam	14 June 1982	In force: 23 February 1990	376
Yemen, Republic of	1 June 1979		
Yugoslavia(Serbia and Montenegro)Federal Republic of [m]	3 March 1970	In force: 28 December 1973	204
Zaire	4 August 1970	In force: 9 November 1972	183
Zambia	15 May 1991	In force: 22 September 1994	456
Zimbabwe	26 September 1991		

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[b] The relevant safeguards agreement refers to both NPT and the Tlatelolco Treaty.

[c] When Croatia became an independent State, it succeeded to the safeguards agreement concluded with the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (INFCIRC/204). A new safeguards agreement concluded with Croatia was approved by the Board of Governors on 8 June 1994. The agreement has been signed by Croatia and entered into force on 19 January 1995.

[d] The NPT safeguards agreement concluded with the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic (INFCIRC/173), which entered into force on 3 March 1972, continues to be applied in the Czech Republic to the extent relevant to the territory of the Czech Republic.

[e] The NPT safeguards agreement with Denmark (INFCIRC/176), in force since 1 March 1972, has been replaced by the agreement of 5 April 1973 between the non-nuclear-weapon States of EURATOM, EURATOM and the Agency (INFCIRC/193) but still applies to the Faroe Islands. Upon Greenland's secession from EURATOM as of 31 January 1985, the Agreement between the Agency and Denmark (INFCIRC/176) re-entered into force for Greenland.

[f] The safeguards agreement of 7 March 1972 concluded with the German Democratic Republic (INFCIRC/181) is no longer in force with effect from 3 October 1990 on which date the German Democratic Republic acceded to the Federal Republic of Germany.

[g] The application of Agency safeguards in Greece under the agreement INFCIRC/166, provisionally in force since 1 March 1972, was suspended on 17 December 1981, at which date Greece acceded to the agreement of 5 April 1973 (INFCIRC/193) between the non-nuclear-weapon States of EURATOM, EURATOM and the Agency.

[h] An agreement had also been concluded in respect of the Netherlands Antilles (INFCIRC/229). This agreement entered into force on 5 June 1975.

[i] The safeguards agreement with New Zealand (INFCIRC/185) also applies to Cook Island and Niue.

[j] The NPT safeguards agreement with Portugal (INFCIRC/272), in force since 14 June 1979, was suspended on 1 July 1986, on which date Portugal acceded to the agreement between the non-nuclear-weapon States of EURATOM, EURATOM and the Agency of 5 April 1973 (INFCIRC/193).

[k] The NPT safeguards agreement concluded with the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic (INFCIRC/173), which entered into force on 3 March 1972, continues to be applied in the Slovak Republic to the extent relevant to the territory of the Slovak Republic.

[l] When Slovenia became an independent State, it succeeded to the safeguards agreement concluded with the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (INFCIRC/204). A new safeguards agreement concluded with Slovenia was approved by the Board of Governors on 8 June 1994. Slovenia has not yet signed the agreement.

[m] The NPT safeguards agreement concluded with the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (INFCIRC/204), which entered into force on 28 December 1973, continues to be applied in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) to the extent relevant to the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro).

[n] A sui generis comprehensive safeguards agreement entered into force for this State on 26 March 1988 (INFCIRC/359).

[o] A safeguards agreement pursuant to the Treaty of Tlatelolco entered into force for Colombia on 22 December 1982 (INFCIRC/306).

[p] A safeguards agreement pursuant to the Treaty of Tlatelolco entered into force for Panama on 23 March 1984 (INFCIRC/316).

[q] Ukraine has concluded a sui generis comprehensive safeguards agreement which entered into force on 13 January 1995 (INFCIRC/462) and will remain in force until superseded by a new safeguards agreement to be concluded pursuant to NPT.

States in respect of which the required safeguards agreement with the Agency in connection with NPT has not yet entered into force

Status as at 31 December 1994

Non-nuclear-weapon States party to NPT without safeguards agreement in force [a]	Date of ratification, accession or succession to NPT	Status of negotiation	Date agreement should enter into force
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Albania [b]	12 September 1990		12 March 1992
Antigua and Barbuda [c]	1 November 1981	Signed 1 February 1990	1 May 1983
Azerbaijan	22 September 1992		22 March 1994
Bahamas	10 July 1973		10 January 1975
Bahrain	3 November 1988		3 May 1990
Barbados	21 February 1980		21 August 1981
Belarus	22 July 1993	Approved 12 September 1994	22 January 1995
Belize	9 August 1985	Signed 13 August 1992	9 February 1987
Benin	31 October 1972		30 April 1974
Bolivia [c]	26 May 1970	Signed 23 August 1974	5 March 1972
Botswana	28 April 1969		5 March 1972
Burkina Faso	3 March 1970		5 March 1972
Burundi	19 March 1971		19 September 1972
Cambodia	2 June 1972		2 December 1973
Cameroon	8 January 1969	Signed 21 May 1992	5 March 1972
Cape Verde	24 October 1979		24 April 1981
Central African Republic	25 October 1970		25 April 1972
Chad	10 March 1971		10 September 1972
Colombia [d]	8 April 1986		8 October 1987
Congo	23 October 1978		23 April 1980
Dominica	10 August 1984	Approved 12 September 1994	10 February 1986
Equatorial Guinea	1 November 1984	Approved 13 June 1986	1 May 1986
Estonia	31 January 1992	Approved 24 February 1992	31 July 1993
Gabon	19 February 1974	Signed 3 December 1979	19 August 1975
Georgia	7 March 1994		7 September 1995
Grenada	19 August 1974		19 February 1976
Guinea	29 April 1985		29 October 1986
Guinea-Bissau	20 August 1976		20 February 1978
Guyana	19 October 1993		19 April 1995
Haiti [c]	2 June 1970	Signed 6 January 1975	2 June 1972
Kazakhstan	14 February 1994	Signed 26 July 1994	14 August 1995
Kenya	11 June 1970		11 June 1972
Kuwait	17 November 1989		17 May 1991
Kyrgystan	5 July 1994		5 January 1996
Lao People's Democratic Rep.	20 February 1970	Signed 22 November 1991	5 March 1972

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Liberia	5 March 1970		5 March 1972
Mali	10 February 1970		5 March 1972
Mauritania	26 October 1993		26 April 1995
Moldova	11 October 1994		11 April 1996
Mozambique	4 September 1990		4 March 1992
Myanmar	2 December 1992		2 June 1994
Namibia	2 October 1992		7 April 1994
Niger	9 October 1992		9 April 1994
Panama [c, d]	13 January 1977	Signed 22 December 1988	13 July 1978
Qatar	3 April 1989		3 October 1990
Rwanda	20 May 1975		20 November 1976
St. Kitts and Nevis	22 March 1993	Approved 12 September 1994	22 September 1994
San Marino	10 August 1970	Approved 23 February 1977	5 March 1972
Sao Tome and Principe	20 July 1983		20 January 1985
Saudi Arabia	3 October 1988		3 April 1990
Seychelles	12 March 1985		12 September 1986
Sierra Leone	26 February 1975	Signed 10 November 1977	26 August 1976
Somalia	5 March 1970		5 March 1972
Togo	26 February 1970	Signed 29 November 1990	5 March 1972
Turkmenistan	29 September 1994		29 March 1996
Uganda	20 October 1982		20 April 1984
Ukraine[e]	5 December 1994		5 June 1996
United Republic of Tanzania	7 June 1991	Signed 26 August 1992	7 December 1992
Uzbekistan	7 May 1992	Approved 21 February 1994	7 November 1993
Yemen, Republic of	1 June 1979		1 December 1980
Zimbabwe	26 September 1991		26 March 1993

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[b] A sui generis comprehensive safeguards agreement entered into force for this State on 26 March 1988 (INFCIRC/359).

[c] The relevant safeguards agreement refers to both the NPT and the Treaty of Tlatelolco.

[d] A comprehensive safeguards agreement pursuant to the Treaty of Tlatelolco is in force with this State.

[e] Ukraine has concluded a sui generis comprehensive safeguards agreement which entered into force on 13 January 1995 (INFCIRC/462) and will remain in force until superseded by a new safeguards agreement to be concluded pursuant to NPT.

Annex 4

STATES OR GROUPS OF STATES PARTY TO THE NPT WHICH HAVE AGREED TO MODIFY SUBSIDIARY ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING THE EARLY PROVISION TO THE IAEA OF INFORMATION ON THE DESIGN OF NEW AND MODIFIED NUCLEAR FACILITIES, AS APPROVED BY THE IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS IN FEBRUARY 1992.

Argentina
Australia
Austria[1]
Bulgaria
Canada
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
EURATOM[2]
Finland[1]
Hungary
Indonesia
Jamaica
Libya
Mexico
Norway
Philippines
Romania
South Africa
Sweden[1]
Switzerland
Turkey
Venezuela
Zaire

NOTE: Subsidiary Arrangements for States joining the NPT since July 1992 will include these provisions.

[1] Austria, Finland and Sweden are member states of EURATOM as of 1 January 1995.

[2] Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain.

STATES PARTY TO THE NPT CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING IN THE REPORTING SCHEME, ENDORSED BY THE IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS, ON IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL AND OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AND NON-NUCLEAR MATERIAL USED IN THE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY.

Country
AUSTRALIA
AUSTRIA
BELARUS
BELGIUM
BULGARIA
CANADA
CHINA
DENMARK
ECUADOR
FINLAND
FRANCE
GERMANY
GHANA
GREECE
HUNGARY
INDONESIA
IRELAND
ITALY
JAPAN
KENYA
LUXEMBOURG
MEXICO
MYANMAR
NETHERLANDS
NEW ZEALAND
NIGER
NORWAY
PHILIPPINES
POLAND
PORTUGAL
QATAR
ROMANIA
RUSSIAN FED.
SLOVENIA
SPAIN
SWEDEN
SWITZERLAND
TURKEY
UKRAINE
UNITED KINGDOM
USA
ZAIRE
EUROPEAN UNION

Simplified designation procedures for Agency safeguards inspectors

The following States party to the NPT have accepted simplified designation procedures:

Australia
Austria
Bulgaria
Czech Republic
Canada

Egypt
Finland
France
Hungary
Indonesia

Islamic Republic of Iran
Malaysia
Mexico
Norway
Poland

Romania
Russian Federation
Slovak Republic
Switzerland
Thailand

Turkey
United States of America
Uruguay